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Resume and Curriculum Vitae

**EDUCATION**

*UCLA Law School, J.D. - 1982*  
*Brandeis University, B.A., magna cum laude - 1978*  
*Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1976 – 1977*

**ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia, 1983 and California Bar Associations, 1982

**EXPERIENCE**

**January 2012 to the Present, Adjunct Professor and Director, National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP) American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.**

**May 2011 to the Present, President, NIWAP, Inc. (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project)**

NIWAP is dedicated to involving new generations of lawyers and advocates in public policy reforms that benefit immigrant women and children and immigrant victims of violence. The Project’s principal issue foci includes improving legal protections for and access to: immigration relief, legal work authorization, state and federal public benefits, health care, legal and social services, family and criminal court protection, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) confidentiality protections, culturally competent and language accessible services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, elder abuse, stalking and human trafficking. In each of these areas, NIWAP provides technical assistance, training and outreach materials for advocates, family lawyers, judges, law enforcement, prosecutors, interpreters, social service, health care, and mental health professionals on immigrant women’s, immigrant children’s and immigrant victims’ legal rights. Oversees the maintenance of an information clearinghouse on effective laws, policies, practices, regulations and successful strategies, conducts and publishes legal and social science research and amicus briefs providing the documentation that spurs reform and the tools that enhance training and a national directory of programs serving immigrant victims. Conducts trainings nationwide for advocates, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officials regarding effective approaches on helping immigrant victims and their children. Responsible for foundation and federal grant applications, budgeting, program management and staff, intern and Dean’s Fellow supervision.

**September 1999 to the December 2011, Vice President and Director, Immigrant Women Program Legal Momentum (Formerly NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund) Washington, D.C.**

Founding director of the Immigrant Women Program leading work in public policy advocacy, education and training on issues affecting the legal rights of survivors of violence against women and immigrant women in the United States. The primary areas of work include: legislative and administrative advocacy with Congress and Federal Agencies; co-ordination of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women; leading national conference planning, training and technical assistance work; conducting and publishing social science and legal research; and coordinating work with pro bono law firms on amicus briefs and legal research projects with nation-wide impact. Issue areas: domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, language access, cultural competency, family law, protection orders, public benefits, immigration, economic self-sufficiency, and justice and health care system reform issues. Responsible for federal and foundation grant applications, budgeting, program management and staff supervision. Helped draft and secure passage of the Violence Against Women Acts of 1994, 2000 and 2005 as a lead advocate for the immigrant victim and underserved population provisions of VAWA.

**October 1992 to June 1999, Director of National Policy Program and Director of Program Development**

**October 1985 to October 1992, Director, Clinical Legal Latina -- Supervising Attorney**

*AYUDA, INC.*, Washington, D.C.

Founded, directed and administered Washington, D.C.'s only legal and social services program for low-income immigrant women and children in domestic violence and domestic relations matters. Supervised staff and interns; initiated national public policy advocacy on issues of domestic violence, family law, immigration, public benefits and economic self-sufficiency on behalf of victims of violence against women. Drafted legislation and comments on regulations; trained judges, lawyers, police, health professionals, advocates and others on domestic violence, cultural competency, immigration, protection orders and family law. Provided technical assistance on cases and advocacy strategies. Created and conducted social science research on domestic violence among Latina immigrants quoted in the legislative history of VAWA 1994. Grant applications to support Ayuda's domestic violence and immigration programs. Played a key role in drafting the Violence Against Women Act's immigration provisions and other legislation affecting the legal rights of battered immigrant women and children. Represented battered immigrant women and children in over 800 civil court cases litigating protection order, protection order enforcement through criminal contempt, child abuse and neglect, custody, divorce, child and spousal support, adoption, visitation, housing, public benefits and small claims matters.

**December 1983 to October 1985, Director/Clinical Instructor Latino Project**

*George Washington University National Law Center*, Washington, D.C.

Represented Spanish-speaking clients and supervised law students in family, civil and administrative courts, and specialized in domestic violence, domestic relations, and landlord-tenant and immigration law.

**September 1982 to September 1983, Law Clerk**

*The Honorable Gladys Kessler*, Presiding Judge, Family Division, Washington, D.C. Superior Court.

**June 1981 to August 1981, Legal Intern Clerk**

*The Honorable Justice Wakefield Taylor*, Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeals, District One, San Francisco, California

**August 1980 to February 1982, Legal Intern**

*Public Advocates, Inc.*, San Francisco, California

Women's health issue legal extern including drafting public policy initiatives and a federal administrative petition on infant formula misuse that contributed to work on the Nestle boycott

**June 1978 to August 1979, Accounting, Budgeting, Purchasing and Sales**

*Arnold Orloff Co. Wholesale Meat Packing*, Compton, California

## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Legislation:** Lead advocate drafting and securing passage of: The Violence Against Women Act's (VAWA) protections for immigrant victims (1994, 2000, 2005, 2013); Welfare access for battered immigrants with pending VAWA immigration cases (1996); Violence Against Women Act immigrant victim confidentiality protections (1996, 2000, 2005, 2013); Improved access to Legal Services Corporation funded programs for battered immigrants (1997, 2005); The Violence Against Women Act of 2000's U visa protections for crime victims and the Trafficking Victim's Protection Act's T-Visa protections (2000, 2008); Exceptions from public charge for VAWA, T and U visa victims (2013); VAWA's International Marriage Broker Regulation Acts (2005, 2013) protections; Special Immigrant Juvenile Status amendments (2005, 2008), and H. Con. Res. 182 "Domestic Violence and Child Custody Concurrent Resolution" (1990). Other legislative advocacy has included serving as the lead women's issue advocate on Comprehensive Immigration Reform (2006) and (2007); and advocating against the CLEAR Act and other efforts to amend immigration laws to turn local law enforcement officers into immigration enforcement officials.

**Testimony:** Testified before Congress (1993-2005) and participated with members of Congress in press conferences on a range of issues including: the Violence Against Women Act and its implementation; battered

women's testimony and judicial training; elder abuse; immigration relief for immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; the importance of family based immigration for women; the effect of immigration enforcement programs in cutting off immigrant victims from VAWA, T and U-visa immigration relief; improving the health care systems treatment of immigrant sexual assault and domestic violence victims; and the dangers for immigrant victims when local police undertake immigration enforcement.

**Federal Administrative Agencies:** Obtained changes in Department of Homeland Security (DHS) case processing that resulted in eliminating the backlogs and reducing the wait times to work authorization (2014). Spurred issuance of and worked on the development of regulations from the Legal Services Corporation implementing VAWA that created a new anti-abuse basis for legal representation of immigrant crime victims unrelated to their immigration status (2014). Secured from DHS the U-Visa regulations (2007), the T and U adjustment of status to lawful permanent residency regulations (2008); elimination of fees associated with VAWA, T and U-Visa violence against immigrant women cases (2008); DHS VAWA confidentiality implementation, complaint process, and courthouse enforcement prohibitions (1997, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2017, 2019), mandatory VAWA confidentiality training for all DHS staff (2020); implementation of work-authorization for abused spouses of H, G, A and E (iii) visa holders (2017); and release through the Freedom of Information Act of internal Immigration and Customs Enforcement 2007 VAWA confidentiality policies that will help prevent the detention and deportation of immigrant victims (2015). Secured program guidance (2006) and Regulations (1998, 2014) implementing expanded access to legal services for immigrant victims and Department of Education policies implementing access to post-secondary grants and loans for battered qualified immigrants (2010). Guaranteed access to shelters and transitional housing for up to 2 years for undocumented immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abuse, and homelessness (2001, 2016) and access to public and assisted housing for VAWA battered immigrant spouses and children (2017). Secured Immigration and Naturalization Service VAWA self-petitioning regulations that reflect an understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrant victims (1996) and promoted creation of the VAWA Unit at DHS at which adjudicators with expertise on domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and crime victimization decide victim related immigration cases. (2005, 2003, 2001 and 1997). This work has included providing strategic support to and recruiting extensive pro bono assistance from a number of law firms across the country that provided strategic support for advocacy with Congress and with federal administrative agencies, that conducted state-by-state legal research publications to help judges and family lawyers in their work with immigrant survivors.

**Leadership on Victims of Violence Against Women and Immigrant Women's Legal Rights:** Have been a nationally recognized leader in domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, stalking and trafficking victims' rights (including immigration, domestic violence, family, housing, health care, language access and public benefits law) and provision of culturally competent and trauma-informed assistance to immigrant victims. Founder and co-director of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women (1992-2012), a national advocacy coalition that led the national efforts to secure legislative and administrative law reforms that benefited immigrant crime victims and immigrant women and children. At its height the Network had over 3,000 members including advocates, attorneys, justice system personnel, researchers and social service providers who work with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. The move to American University Washington College of Law and founding the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) led to an expansion to include significant numbers of judges, police, prosecutors and state and local government officials in addition to victim advocates and attorneys reaching over 16,000 professionals and organizations.

**Publications and Research:** As of July 2023, published 972 articles, bench cards, manual chapters, book chapters, newsletter articles, legal research, training tools, and state-by-state law charts that train and support professionals helping immigrant and LEP victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, elder abuse, and child abuse, abandonment and neglect. These articles also include advocacy papers, policy analysis, and reports. Publication topics include: justice system help for immigrant victims for police, prosecutors, judges, and courts, including U and T visa certification and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status findings); immigration protections for immigrant victims and immigrant children; access to services, health care, housing, and public benefits for immigrant victims and immigrant children; family law issues affecting immigrant victims and immigrant children (protection orders, custody, divorce, parental kidnapping, child support, child welfare); provision of culturally sensitive services to immigrant victims of domestic and sexual violence, children in immigrant families and other crime victims; legal rights of limited English proficient victims; and social science

research publications based upon nationwide research conducted including literature reviews documenting the impact of immigration enforcement on immigrant crime victims, the effectiveness of protection orders for battered immigrants, law enforcement response to calls for help from immigrant and limited English proficient victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault and human trafficking; and the legal services, housing, and services needed by and the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault experienced by immigrant victims. Served as a peer reviewer for National Institutes of Justice, American Psychological Association Journal, the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Sage - Violence Against Women, the American Journal of Preventative Medicine, and other social science journals.

**Trainings and Technical Assistance:** From 1991 to December 2020, conducted approximately 1,332 presentations nationally as faculty for trainings of over 84,371 professionals including victim advocates, attorneys, family, civil and criminal court and immigration judges, police, prosecutors, social services providers, health care providers, mental health counselors, researchers, and government agency personnel including STOP and FVPSA grant administrators. I have trained Immigration and Naturalization (1995, 1998, 2000, 2001) and Department of Homeland Security adjudicators, trial attorneys, border patrol agents and enforcement officials (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2021) and immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals (2000, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2012). Topics trained on include a range of issues of importance to immigrant and limited English proficient victims of violence against women and immigrant women and children: immigration protections for immigrant victims and immigrant children; family law (protection orders, custody, parental kidnapping, child support); justice system help for victims (police, prosecutors, courts); VAWA confidentiality and provision of culturally sensitive, language accessible services, and trauma informed services to battered immigrants and immigrant victims of sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking, and other crime victims, access to health care, housing, and public benefits and services; and multi-disciplinary and multi-topic trainings on legal rights and options for immigrant victims. Between 2009 and 2016 led a team of law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and immigrant victim's legal rights experts collaborating in developing, testing and implementing trainings nationally for law enforcement and prosecutors on U Visa certification, T visa declarations, continued presence, language access, and improving law enforcement and prosecution services and community policing with immigrant crime victims. Since 2012 served in a similar capacity offering training, publications and educational materials to judges and state courts, developing a national faculty of judicial trainers, on issues that arise in state court proceedings involving immigrant crime victims and children in immigrant families.

**Fundraising, Federal Grant Review, and Staff Development:** Responsible for raising over \$14,835,656 (as of June 2023) in funding to support the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project between April 2012 and the present, to support Legal Momentum's Immigrant Women Programs between September 1999 and December 2011, and to support Ayuda's domestic violence program and some of Ayuda's immigration program between 1985 to 1999. Between 1984 and 2020, hired and supervised 37 staff and over 412 interns from diverse backgrounds (65% were immigrants, from immigrant families or people of color) many of whom went on to pursue careers in and leadership on violence against women's issues, immigrant rights, women's rights, the judiciary, children's issues, family law, and prosecution serving in non-profits and in state and federal government.

**Amicus Briefs and Other Pro-Bono Law Firm Work:** Through July 2023 worked on a total of 79 amicus briefs related to the legal rights of immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, human trafficking and other crimes under immigration, family, public benefits and public benefits laws all supported by pro bono law firms. This work has included the following. Connected Afghan refugee women who were women's rights organizers, journalists and politicians with a team of law firm based pro bono lawyers led by Crowell and Moring and the Tahirih Justice Center. Through this collaboration we will provide Afghan women and their families with gender based asylum representation, orientation on legal rights in the U.S., and information connecting them with public benefits and services they are legally entitled to receive in the states where they resettle. Coordinated domestic violence, sexual assault and immigrant victim rights organization's involvement in a range of amicus briefs filed in Federal Appeals Court, Federal District Court, state appellate and Supreme Courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals cases on behalf of immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse seeking VAWA cancellation of removal, gender based asylum, VAWA confidentiality, access to public benefits, civil protection orders, protection order enforcement, and other family law relief. Represented the victim in the first domestic violence protection order case to go to the United States Supreme Court on double jeopardy issues (U.S. v. Dixon, 1993); was quoted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit in *Laura Luis Hernandez v. Ashcroft* (2003) on

the definition of extreme cruelty in VAWA suspension of deportation cases; work cited in a Maryland Court of Appeals case on SIJS *Romero v. Perez* (2019); lead amicus in VAWA confidentiality amicus cited by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit in *Cazorla v. Koch Foods of Mississippi* (2016). Worked with pro bono law firms to develop state-by-state charts on access to post-assault health care, prenatal care, forensic rape examinations and emergency Medicaid by immigration status for immigrant victims of sexual assault, on state best interests of the child laws, and on jurisdiction and services of process laws for SIJS cases and other family law matters involving parties living abroad or out of state. In 2008 recruited and led a team of pro bono forensic psychologists and attorneys to assist immigrant women and children who were victims of sexual assault and child labor exploitation by supervisors at Agriprocessors, Inc. in Postville, Iowa.

**FELLOWSHIPS, APPOINTMENTS, AND AWARDS**

Member, Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council, July 2, 2021 to the present.  
 Award for Significant and Long-Standing Commitment to Combating Domestic Violence  
 D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence. October 1987.  
 Award for Outstanding Work on the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 – Domestic Violence Coalition on Public Policy and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence September 1994.  
 Kellogg National Fellowship Program, 1994-1998  
 Wasserstein Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 2002  
 Recipient of the Sheila Wellstone Award October 2007  
 For Leadership in the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women  
 Roslyn B. Bell Award – Women’s Law Center of Maryland, October 2007  
 Lifetime Achievement Award –For Family Law and for Immigrant Women’s Work  
 Madrina de Honor – Lideres Campesinas, November 2008.  
 Daynard Public Interest Fellowship, Northeastern University Law School 2012  
 Eurasia Foundation Advanced Gender Equity Fellowship, Moscow, Russia 2015  
 Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s National Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers. Chair, Subcommittee on Medical, Mental Health, and Trauma November 19, 2015 – October 2016  
 Maryland Special Status Working Group, Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts, March 2019 to the present  
 Governor Cuomo’s New York State COVID-19 Domestic Violence Task Force May, 2020  
 Consortium Member, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) August 2021 to the present  
 Member, Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council, July 2020 to July 2023

**LANGUAGES:** Fluent in Spanish and Hebrew

**BACKGROUND:** Inglewood and Long Beach, California: Born, raised, and attended high school (Milliken and Long Beach Poly).

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## TRAININGS, PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND EDUCATION

### JUSTICE SYSTEM EXPERTISE

#### **PROTECTION ORDERS**

“Civil Protection Orders, Timing, Safety, and Effectiveness for Immigrant Clients” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings. Washington, D.C. February 16, 2016.

“How the Legal System Works (or Doesn't) for Immigrant Survivors” Workshop for the Protection Order Conference sponsored by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance. Richmond, Virginia. June 22, 2012.

“The Crucial Role of Advocates Countering Bias: Making the Justice System Work for Immigrant Survivors” Plenary presentation for the Protection Order Conference sponsored by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance. Richmond, Virginia. June 22, 2012.

“Immigrant Victims and Access to State Court Protection” Training for family and criminal court judges at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse where in early 2007 a Department of Homeland Security enforcement officer attested an immigrant victim in a protection order courtroom in violation of federal Violence Against Women Act immigration laws. Charlotte, North Carolina. August 7, 2007.

“Enforcement of Protection Orders: Ensuring that Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Receive their Civil Remedies” Presentation at the Employment Rights and Economic Remedies For Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking National Training Institute planned by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Baltimore, Maryland. November 16, 2006.

“Standards of Practice for Attorneys Representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking in Civil Protection Order Cases.” Participated in daylong expert advisory committee meeting for project to develop standards sponsored by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and the DOJ Office on Violence Against Women. Washington, D.C. May 8, 2006.

“Advanced Arguments and Litigation Issues in the Context of Protective Orders,” National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Conference, presentation on advanced protective order issues, Irvine, CA. November 9-11, 2005.

“Creative Protection Orders and Civil Protection Order Enforcement,” presented this interactive workshop twice training family lawyers about how to better use protection orders to help clients who have been victims of domestic violence at the “National Civil Law Institute,” planned by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 2005.

“Use and Outcomes of Protection Orders By Battered Immigrant Women,” presentation made at an invitation only conference “Broadening Our Understanding of Violence Against Women From Diverse Communities” sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, October 21-22, 2004, Washington, D.C. 2004.

“Trial Technique Demonstration: Battered Immigrant Women and Protection Orders.” Planned, served as faculty for and coordinated this multi-session training track for providers of civil legal assistance to battered immigrant women on issues that arise in family law and protection order cases attorneys represent non-citizens. This was one of two tracks at the “Raising the Standard of Practice: Justice in Civil Courts for Domestic Violence Victims” conference held by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Boston, Massachusetts, October 31-November 2, 2001.

“Problems With Obtaining Protection Order,” Session at “Fifth National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Co-planned and co-led this national conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 3, 1999

“Protection Orders as an Option for Battered Women.” Training for State of Alaska Public Health Nurses. Anchorage, Alaska. March 27, 1996.

"National Summit Conference on Family Violence: Model Legislation and Technical Assistance." Served as a facilitator for Model Code Implementation Planning Groups at National Conference on Implementation of the Model Code on Domestic Violence organized by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges that introduced a Model Code developed to address problems of domestic violence. Chicago, Illinois. June 1-3, 1994.

"Usefulness, Issuance and Enforcement of Civil Protection Orders." Round Table for "End Violence Against Women: Integrating Health and Legal Communities." Conference held by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Johns Hopkins Injury Prevention Center and the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center. Ayuda staff also played a key role in planning this conference. Washington, D.C. June 3, 1993.

"Round Table on Civil Protection Orders Effectiveness and Enforcement" Planning advisory committee and presenter at "End Violence Towards Women: Integrating the Health and Legal Communities" co-sponsored by Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Johns Hopkins Injury Prevention Center and the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center. Washington, D.C., June 3, 1993.

"Domestic Violence and Emergency Remedies in Custody Cases." Faculty member for custody training sponsored by the D.C. Bar Association. Washington, D.C. May 21, 1993.

"Use of Civil Protection Orders to Protect Children." Panel presentation "Domestic Violence and Children: Dreams, Demons, Dominance and Despair" at National Symposium on Child Victimization. Washington, D.C., May 21, 1992.

"History of D.C. Domestic Violence Statute and Mandatory Arrest." Presentation during panel "Domestic Violence and the Judiciary." D.C. Bar Annual Meeting. June 28, 1991.

"Domestic Violence Law in the District of Columbia." Training for Social Workers at the Family Place. Washington, D.C., June 18, 1991.

### **ABUSE IN LATER LIFE (ELDER ABUSE)**

“Best Practices and Tools That Build the Capacity of Adult Protective Services to Serve Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims,” presented national webinar cosponsored by the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), the National Center on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) and NIWAP for State Adult Protective Services agency leadership and staff from across the country. Reno, Nevada (January 30, 2020)

“Mandated Reporting for Adult Abuse Victims of Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence” Participated in a plenary presentation attended by 225 professionals addressing the special issues that arise for immigrant survivors in the context of mandatory reporting. 17th International Conference planned by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant University. San Diego, California. September 11, 2012.

“Immigrant Victims Of Elder Abuse: Dynamics, Legal Remedies and Protections” Workshop presented in collaboration with the National Center on Abuse In Later Life at the International Violence, Abuse and Trauma Conference, San Diego, California, September 14, 2010

“National Abuse in Later Life Summit” Invited expert participant at the second national summit on abuse in later life sponsored by the National Center on Abuse in Later Life and the Center For Education On Violence Against Women, Washington, D.C. April 14-15, 2010.

“Immigrant Victims of Elder Abuse: Rights and Remedies.” Presentation at new grantee orientation for Office on Violence Against Women and the National Center on Abuse in Later Life.” Washington, D.C. January 13, 2010.

“Older Immigrant Victims: Legal Rights” Developed section on the legal rights of elder abuse victims to be included as a standard part of elder abuse training curriculums presented by the National Center for Abuse in Later Life.” October 6, 2009.

“National Summit on Addressing abuse as America Ages” invited participant in summit planned by the National Center for Abuse in Later Life to expand work and explore collaboration regarding services to and the needs of elder abuse victims. Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 30, October 2, 2009

## **CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPORT AND FAMILY COURT**

Discussion On: The Range of Functions of an Embassies and Consulates webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (November 20, 2018).

Custody for Abused Immigrants: Tips, Tools, and Best Practices webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (November 15, 2018).

DHS Enforcement Data and Designing Safer Orders Using ICE’s Sensitive Locations webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (October 29, 2018)

NIWAP Staff. “: NIWAP newsletter: NTA Policy description and Georgia Legal Services Program 5 year 5” (October 3, 2018).

Debrief on 9/8 Tahirih Remedies for Victims of Forced Marriage Webinar by conference call with w NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (September 25, 2018).

Conversation on State Court Access for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Kendall Niles, NIWAP Legal Fellow, represented NIWAP at a training held by HIAS PA by taking part in a brainstorming session with other key facilitators in Pennsylvania who work with SIJ-eligible juveniles in Pennsylvania State Courts. Philadelphia, PA. (September 30, 2016)

Andrea Carcamo Cavazos and Leslye E. Orloff, “Bench Card: Immigrants and Protection Orders” The family court bench card discusses issues that arise in protection order cases involving immigrant victims of domestic violence. It focuses particularly on the types of creative protection order remedies courts can order that are helpful for immigrant victims in helping prevent future abuse. (Updated August 23, 2018).

Emerging Issues for Immigrant Survivors in Family Law webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (July 31, 2018).

Detained Parents Directive webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (June 26, 2018).

Founding of Clinical Legal Latina at Ayuda, interview with Ayuda’s board and staff discussing details of the founding and the first 15 years of Ayuda’s program providing assistance in family law, immigration and public benefits access for battered immigrants. Washington, D.C. (March 12, 2018)

U Visas and Custody: Conversation With a Family Court Judge Discussion of U visa certification by judges and issues that arise in custody cases when immigration laws and state family laws intersect. for the Family Law Community of Practice attorneys representing immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (November 30, 2017)



Protecting Immigrant Children: U Visas, SIJS, and Other Legal Options Presentation for all Maryland States Child Abuse Prosecutors, Maryland Department of Social Services Attorneys on a wide range of issues arising in state child abuse investigations and prosecutions. Topics included U visa certification by DSS workers and attorneys and state prosecutors, immigration options for immigrant child victims, and benefits access for immigrant child victims. Presented at the annual Maryland DSS Counsel Conference. Annapolis, Maryland (October 17, 2017)

Immigrant Litigants in Family Court: Advanced Custody Issues at “Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations” Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 2016)

“Issues Related to Family Law, Immigration, Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment” 21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma presented at a parallel plenary workshop on issues that arise in family court in a cases involving immigrant crime victims and children – custody, protection orders, child support and divorce and timing of family court and immigration cases to promote victim safety at the annual conference sponsored by The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). San Diego, CA (August 29, 2016)

“VAWA Confidentiality and Ensuring the Protection of Survivors’ Immigration Case” Hosted the fifteenth community of practice conference call to discuss strategies that anticipate and prepare for response when opposing parties seek VAWA confidentiality protected information and highlight the types of motions, arguments, evidence you can introduce to prevent disclosure. Washington, D.C. (August 16, 2016)

“Protection Orders and Custody.” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings that featured a discussion with Judge Ramona Gonzalez, State of Wisconsin Circuit Judge, and COP member experiences regarding the topic. (May 24, 2016)

“Continuing the Conversation on Domestic Violence & Mediation.” This month’s call focused on mediation in family court proceedings as well as a discussion on cultural considerations. (April 19, 2016)

“Immigration Basics for Attorneys New to Practicing Immigration Law” Webinar. Presented in partnership with The Victim Rights Law Center, this webinar was designed for experienced attorneys who are new to practicing immigration law. Topics covered included immigration remedies available to sexual violence survivors, the interplay between an immigration case and concurrent civil legal matters, programs’ Title VI obligations, special immigration considerations for minors, and tips for working with limited English proficient clients. Portland, OR (April 14, 2016)

“Focus on Domestic Violence & Mediation.” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings focused on mediation and the special considerations for immigrant survivors of abuse. March 22, 2016.

“Obtaining and Enforcing Financial Support for Immigrant Survivors.” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings that focused on obtaining child support and enforcing the affidavit of support. October 20, 2015.

“Hague Convention and Continuation of Parental Kidnapping Prevention.” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings that focused on a review of the Hague Convention, interstate/international kidnapping as well as parental kidnapping prevention. September 22, 2015.

“Parental Kidnapping Prevention.” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings focused on discussing the issue of parental kidnapping and how to deal with such a crime. August 18, 2015.

“Evidence of Coercive Control: Proof of Extreme Cruelty in Immigration Cases and Power and Control Dynamics in Family Law Cases by Rocio Molina, Mary Ann Dutton, Commissioner Young and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: “Community Of Responders: A Holistic Approach To Immigrant Survivors Of Abuse” New Orleans, Louisiana (July 30, 2015)

“How to Obtain U Visa Certification in Family and Criminal Courts” by Judge Mary Weir, Commissioner Loretta Young, and Leslye Orloff, presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: “Community Of Responders: A Holistic Approach To Immigrant Survivors Of Abuse” New Orleans, Louisiana (July 29, 2015)

“Child Custody & Immigration Status” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings that gave an overview of child custody, provided myths and fact surrounding the issue, and touched on parental kidnapping. June 16, 2015.

“Family Law Attorneys Advocating for Immigrant Survivors: A Community of Practice (COP)” Hosted the first community of practice conference call to provide family lawyers working with immigrant survivors from around the country with the opportunity to gather and discuss common areas of concern, strategies for working with immigrant survivors, and share resources in an open and trusting community of practice. The COP is a group of 60 family law attorneys who also work with immigrant survivors. The COP meets monthly for 1.5 hours, using webinar technology to discuss common immigration issues that arise in COP members’ family law cases. Calls are led by NIWAP staff and COP members, who are able to share their expertise in an interactive manner. NIWAP also uses a group mailing to supplement the monthly conference calls by distributing materials and facilitating communication among COP members. Washington, D.C. March 24, 2015.

“Custody Part 2: VAWA Confidentiality and Family Courts” Workshop at the “Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors” conference hosted by the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project. New Orleans, Louisiana. August 7, 2014.

“Custody Part 1: Immigration Issues in Family Court Context” Workshop at the “Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors” conference hosted by the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project. New Orleans, Louisiana. August 6, 2014.

“Improving Outcomes for Immigrant Survivors Involved in Custody Disputes” This webinar was attended by 331 participants, including DV and SA program specialists, immigration attorneys/advocates, Legal Services providers, family law attorneys, and prosecutors. Nationwide. November 5, 2012.

“Issues That Arise in Family Court For Immigrant Women and Immigrant Victims” Guest lecturer in Macarena Saez’ Family Law Course at Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. October 5, 2012.

“Emerging Issues in Family Law for Immigrant Survivors” Daynard Public Interest Visiting Fellowship Roundtable Presentation. Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts: October 3, 2012.

“Issues That Arise in Custody Disputes Involving Immigrant Victims” Guest lecturer for “Domestic Violence Clinic Class”. Northeastern University School of Law. Boston, Massachusetts. October 2, 2012.

“Family Courts and Immigrant Victims” Presentation at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and the National Women Judges Association. Washington, D.C. July 7, 2011.

“Immigrant Victims Legal Rights in Family Court Cases” Workshop at the annual conference of the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. Sioux Falls, South Dakota. December 1, 2010.

“Family Law for Immigrants: A Closer Look at Using Immigration Status in Family Court and the Parental Rights of Detained Immigrants” Workshop presented at the International Violence, Abuse and Trauma Conference, San Diego, California. September 14, 2010.

Immigrant Women’s Legal Rights: Emerging Issues, presentation to the Board of Legal Advisors of Legal Momentum, New York, New York. December 10, 2009.

“Representing Immigrant Clients in Domestic Violence and Custody Cases.” Presented in the 2008 American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence Webinar Series, developed materials for webinar, and participated in planning calls with commission staff. Washington, DC. February 20, 2008.

Presentation at “National Civil Law Custody Institute” conference for American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. June 21-22, 2007

“National Civil Law Custody Institute.” Served as faculty for a national training skills building for lawyers working with domestic violence victims in custody cases and presented on immigrant victim and language access issues. The training was planned by the American Bar Association and the NITA. Tampa, Florida. January 3-5, 2007.

National Civil Law Custody Institutes, Steering Committee” Participated as national expert in steering committee for training workshops being planned by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. Washington, D.C. July 28, 2006.

“Plenary Presentation – Protections for Immigrant Women and Their Children.” Plenary session at conference attended by 130 OVW grantees at “Institute on Child Custody and Domestic Violence.” Planned by the Cutler Institute for Child and Family Police, Edward S., Muskie School of Public Service, training for attorneys, judges, advocates and visitation center staff for the Office on Violence Against Women. Chicago, Illinois, May 12, 2006.

“Issues That Arise for Immigrant Victims in Protection Order, Custody and Family Court Cases.” Presentation at training for family lawyers, supervised visitation center staff and advocates at the “Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institute planned by the Muskie Institute for Office on Violence Against Women grantees. San Francisco, California, February 5, 2004.

“Hague Convention: Civil Aspects of Child Abduction – US Based Cases” Presented workshop at the Third Annual Office on Violence Against Women Grantee Training, Tucson, Arizona. November 5, 2003.

“International Custody Issues,” Presentation on using the U.S. court system to prevent international child snatching and use of the Hague Convention in cases of immigrant victims who have come to the U.S. fleeing domestic violence and in cases of immigrant victims in the U.S. whose children were taken to other countries. At “Institute on Immigration for Survivors: Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking through Legal Services for Victims Programs” Planed by LAPTOP, San Diego California, May 19, 2003.

“Assisting Immigrant Battered Women In Custody Cases,” Presented workshop at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference -- Child Custody Institute, Kissimmee, Florida, August 6, 2002.

“Plenary Session: Ethical Representation in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases,” at “Advocating for Battered Women and Children in Custody, Visitation and Child Protection Cases,” day-long seminar planed by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Served as moderator, discussant and planner for this workshop that addressed ethical issues that arise in battered women’s custody cases. Provided perspective on special issues of concern for immigrant victims. Kissimmee, Florida. August 5, 2002.

“Building a Community of Volunteer Attorneys for Child Custody and Family Violence Cases.” Planned, chaired and presented at workshop discussing how to expand legal representation of battered women and protective parents at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence “Working Together to End Abuse: Advocacy, Assessment, Intervention, Research, Prevention and Policy.” San Diego, California, September 10, 2001.

“Second Strategies Planning Summit for the Safe Child.” Participated as family law expert and specialist on working with immigration populations, for a National Think Tank on child custody issues in domestic violence and child abuse cases. This convening was sponsored by the Family Violence Institute and the Our Children Our Future Foundation. San Diego, California. September 8, 2001.

“Paternity Establishment.” Participated in an expert consultation as part of the Reaching Common Ground -- A Family Support Collaboration Project planned by the National Women’s Law Center and the Center on Fathers, Families and Public Policy. Washington, D.C. January 14-15, 1999.

“Full Faith and Credit Protection Order Registries”, Presented an informational workshop on protection order registries at the national, state levels; importance to implementation of VAWA; child support orders, and privacy issues. “State Domestic Violence Coalition Conference: Understanding VAWA, Welfare Reform and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act” sponsored by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Conducted Arlington, Virginia, February 8, 1997.

"Custody and Visitation Decision Making When There Are Allegations of Domestic Violence." Participated in satellite conference sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges training judges to consider issues of Domestic Violence in making custody and visitation decisions. Washington, D.C., April 13, 1995.

"Protecting Children in Domestic Violence Cases." Presentation at the American Bar Association's Sixth National Conference on Children and the Law. Washington, D.C., May 2, 1992.

"Domestic Violence: Specific Custody Concerns" Presentation at D.C. Bar's Child Custody Training. Washington, D.C., May 17, 1991.

#### **TRAININGS FOR JUSTICE SYSTEM, IMMIGRATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL**

“Training for the Vermont Service Center Fraud Unit” Presented a training for the VAWA Fraud Unit at Vermont Service Center to help adjudicators assess applications understanding the dynamics of domestic violence, how traumatization may affect credibility, and law enforcement approaches U visa certification. St. Albans, Vermont. January 16, 2015.

“Understanding and Applying the Violence Against Women Act” webcast training for the Board of Immigration Appeals and Department of Homeland Security (U.S.) - Citizenship and Immigration Services personnel. Alexandria, Virginia, February 21, 2013.

“Employment Authorization Issues: VAWA, T, & U Visa Victims” special training for the Office of Special Counsel, Department of Justice. June 12, 2012.

“Identifying and Assisting Immigrant Crime Victims and Witnesses” Training for ICE Public Advocate and New Public Advocates hotline workers. Washington, D.C. October 26, 2011.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence: What You Need to Know Today to Help Victims and Their Children” presentation for new grantees in the Community Defined Solutions to Violence Against Women New Grantee Orientation, Washington, D.C. December 17, 2010.

“Research On Violence Against Immigrant Victims” Training presentation for Adjudicators, Supervisors and Management at the Vermont Service Center VAWA, T and U visa Adjudications Unit. St. Albans, Vermont June 11, 2009.

“VAWA Immigration Relief and VAWA Confidentiality: History and Purpose” Training presentation for Adjudicators, Supervisors and Management at the Vermont Service Center VAWA, T and U visa Adjudications Unit. St. Albans, Vermont June 11, 2009.

“Law Enforcement Collaboration” workshop presentation at a Department of Homeland Security planned “Human Trafficking Training”. 50 government officials. Washington DC, October 6, 2008.

“Domestic Violence and Asylum.” Training for Asylum Adjudicators, Department of Homeland Security. Arlington, Virginia. January 3, 2008.

“VAWA Confidentiality and VAWA Immigration Relief:” Planned and served as faculty for the first national conference training Chief Trial Attorneys and Office of the Principal Legal Advisor Managers for the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. New Orleans, Louisiana, August 6, 2007.

“VAWA Confidentiality and Litigation of Cases Involving Immigrant Victims.” Developed and presented the first national training of senior immigration trial attorneys on VAWA immigration relief, VAWA confidentiality protections, and ICE trial attorneys’ obligations. New Orleans, Louisiana, July 9, 2007.

“Introduction of VAWA Immigration Relief and VAWA Confidentiality.” Assisted in development of an introductory training for new Immigration and Custom’s Enforcement immigration trial attorneys. New Orleans, Louisiana, July 8, 2007.

“Mandatory Training for All Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officers Nationally on Confidentiality Requirements under VAWA.” Designed PowerPoint presentations that all ICE officials are required to take as part of training. Collaborated with Maria Alvarenga Watkins and Maria Jose Fletcher of FIAC. Austin, Texas. April 12, 2007.

“History Of Immigration Protections for Immigrant Victims” and “Dynamics of Domestic Violence Experienced By Immigrant Victims”. Presented multiple workshops and served as expert faculty throughout three day intensive training for all U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officers that adjudicate VAWA immigration cases involving immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking nationally. St. Albans, VT. September 20-22, 2005.

“Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Unit Vermont Service Center U.S. Department of Homeland Security.” Met with managers of the VAWA Unit to discuss issues related to processing of cases under VAWA’s immigration provisions and reforms needed as part of VAWA III. St. Albans, Vermont, April 20-21, 2005.

“National Training for Immigration and Custom’s Enforcement Officers.” Planned by the Department of Homeland Security. Served as keynote opening speaker for a regional and videotaped national training for enforcement officers for the Department of Homeland Security. This training was funded by the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice. Seattle, Washington, August 9, 2005.

“Identifying and Offering Help to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Trafficking,” half day training for United State Border Patrol Agents, San Diego Sector, U.S. department of Homeland Security. Developed and presented together with Nawal Ammar of Kent State University training for Border Patrol agents. San Diego, California. July 20, 2004.

“Legal Options for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.” Planned and served as faculty for this daylong training for border patrol agents, police, attorneys and advocates in a rural southern Arizona county planned by the Tri-County Battered Immigrant Women Project and the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families. Sierra Vista, Arizona, March 25, 2004.

“Victim Witness INS Officers Role in Working with Battered Immigrant Women and Battered Immigrant Women’s Legal Rights.” Presented two workshops at the Third National Symposium on Victims of Federal Crime planned by the United States Department of Justice’s Office of Victims of Crime. Co-presented with Karen FitzGerald from the Immigration and Naturalization Services and Gail Pendleton of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. Washington, D.C. January 8, 2001.

“New Immigration Protections for Battered Immigrant Women and Immigrant Crime Victims.” Training for Assistant U.S. Attorneys, FBI and Treasury Agents planned by the Executive Office of the United States Attorney, Office of Legal Education. Washington, D.C. November 17, 2000.

“VAWA and the Legal Rights of Battered Immigrant Women.” Assisted the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence in preparing for and conducting a training of INS district office staff. Des Moines, Iowa. September, 1998.

“The Legal Rights of Battered Immigrant Women.” Assisted local battered women’s advocates, the staff of the central office of INS and local immigrant rights attorneys in planning and preparing for a training of INS district office staff. Dallas, Texas, August 27, 1998.

“The Immigration and Naturalization Service’s Role in Helping Battered Immigrant Women.” Training for the Seattle Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Office. Seattle, Washington. June 29, 1998.

“Points of Contact With Battered Immigrant Women and What INS Needs to Know about Working With Battered Immigrants.” Training for the Portland Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Office. Portland, Oregon. June 25, 1998.

“Immigration and Naturalization Service’s Training of Self-Petitioning Adjudicators on the Dynamics of Domestic Violence.” Contributed to Vermont Service Center training of INS service adjudicators who decide all VAWA self-petitions in this country. St. Albans, Vermont. February 4, 1998.

“Victory Over Violence Against Women.” An overview of Immigration Provisions of The Violence Against Women Act. Department of Health and Human Services-Region III. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. September 10-11, 1996.

"First National Family Violence Conference - Spousal abuse: Issues, Information, Direction." Served on the Steering Committee of experts consulted with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in planning this conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 29-30, 1993.

"Department of Defense and Domestic Violence." Consultation on domestic violence training in the military. Washington, D.C. November 9, 1993.

“Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: Accessing Domestic Violence Services and Legal Immigration Status.” Two-part workshop for family advocates, law enforcement officers, and JAG officers on the legal rights of immigrant victims of domestic violence whose abusers are members of the U.S. military. Arlington, Virginia. August 15, 2002.

“Legal Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.” Plenary keynote address at Navy, Counseling, Advocacy and Prevention Biennial Conference for family advocates and navy law enforcement professionals from around the world. Presentation covered the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrant victims whose spouses, boyfriends or parents of members of the military and the legal options to attain immigration status open to immigrant victims. Washington, D.C. August 13, 2002.

## **JUDICIAL TRAININGS**

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (June 13, 2023)

Recognizing and Responding to Issues Related to Immigration in Intimate Partner Violence in State Court Cases presentation and pilot launch of a new state court judicial curriculum that NIWAP authored on immigrant survivors of domestic violence and their children for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Valencia, California (June 8 – 9, 2023)

What Judges Need to Know: A Discussion on the Hague Adoption Convention presentation to the DHS experts on adoption of foreign-born children and steps state court judges can take to ensure that adoptions are valid for immigration purposes (June 6, 2023)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (February 14, 2023)

HHS' Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) Answers Questions on Identifying and Reporting Child Trafficking Victims presentation to the National Judicial Network by HHS OTIP staff discussing the important role state court judges can play in ensuring that immigrant child trafficking victims are referred for OTIP benefits and services. (May 2, 2023)

Maryland U Visa Protocol presentation by National Judicial Network Steering Committee members to leadership judges in Maryland State answering questions about U visa certification by state court judge issuing orders in civil protection order cases. Annapolis, Maryland (April 13, 2023)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (April 11, 2023)

Let's Put Science First: Assessing Predatory Helpfulness and Coercive Control to More Accurately Understand Domestic Abuse and Sex Trafficking presentation to the National Judicial Network by Chitra Raghavan, Ph.D Professor of Psychology John Jay College Of Criminal Justice. Washington, DC (April 4, 2023)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (March 31, 2023).

Readily Identifying & Effectively Responding To Stalking In Family Court: A Resource For Judicial Officers National webinar on stalking, family courts, and best practices for court orders. Reno, Nevada (March 7, 2023)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (February 14, 2023)

Peer-to-Peer Session: End of the Year Update: Federal Laws & Policies and Latest Data Important for Courts Hearing Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (February 7, 2023)

Protecting Against Vicarious Trauma: Tools and Strategies for Providers Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, and Trafficking National webinar for judges, attorneys and victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (January 31, 2023)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (January 10, 2023)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (January 4, 2023).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (December 13, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: End of the Year Update: Federal Laws & Policies and Latest Data Important for Courts Hearing Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (December 8, 2022)

Special Issues in Family/Children's Court for Cases Involving Immigrants. Presented to the New Mexico Domestic Violence Commissioner and Hearing Officers about the intersection between immigration and family law, signing U and T visa certifications, and findings for SIJS. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 4, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: Trauma-Responsive Advocacy for CSEC Youth, the Model Rules, and Better Dependency Outcomes. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (November 1, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (October 11, 2022)

Webinar: New Regulation Policies and Court Rulings' Impact on State Courts Issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Orders. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (October 4, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (September 13, 2022)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (August 16, 2022).

When Federal Immigration Law and State Family Laws Intersect: The Impact of Immigration Laws on State Family Court Proceedings. In-person training for the Maryland Judicial College. Annapolis, Maryland (August 16, 2022)

NCJFCJ 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2022. In-person training where NIWAP staff and experts presented on the topic of “Afghan Refugees Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence: What Courts Need to Know and Judicial Leadership Opportunities.” Reno, Nevada (July 19, 2022)

Webinar: We are Not Invisible: Improving Awareness of Human Trafficking Issues in Indigenous Communities. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (July 5, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (June 28, 2022)

Domestic Violence and Immigration, recording of on-line introductory version of the new immigration curriculum for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence developed for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (June 16, 2022)

Webinar: Familial Sex Trafficking: What Research Tells Us About Risk and Opportunity. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (June 6, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (May 10, 2022)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (May 6, 2022).

Peer-to-Peer Session: Child Labor Trafficking in the U.S. An Overview of Research, Policies, and Opportunities to Advance Protections for All Child Survivors of Human Trafficking. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (May 3, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: Commercial Sex Trafficking of Young Males (And Boys Too), National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (April 5, 2022)



NCJFCJ Conference - Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking: Identification and Immigration Relief The Court's Role, NIWAP training presentation at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference 2022. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (March 14, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (March 8, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: Family Law for the American Muslim Community, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (March 1, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (February 22, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: New DHS Immigration and Victim Protection Policies, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (February 1, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (January 20, 2022)

Webinar: Criminal Justice Responses to Asian Women Caught in the Cross-Hairs of Exploitation and Human Trafficking, National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (January 11, 2022)

Child Custody and Immigration Related Abuse: Myths and Best Practices. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (December 13, 2021)

Legal Rights of Immigrant Child Commercial Sex Trafficking Survivors: Public Benefits, Housing, & Victim Services, National webinar Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (December 9, 2021).

Peer-to-Peer Session: DC Court's STAR Assessment Tool Training, Screening and assessment tool for child sex trafficking cases. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (December 7, 2021)

Legal Protections for Immigrant Children Who Are Victims of Human Trafficking. National webinar Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (December 2, 2021)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (November 9, 2021).

Immigration Options for Survivors and Court's Role, National webinar discussing U and T visa certification, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings and VAWA self-petitions. Reno, Nevada (November 4, 2021)

Peer-to-Peer Session: USCIS Answers Judges' Questions on SIJS, U Visa & T Visa, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (November 2, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (October 19, 2021).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (October 12, 2021).

Peer-to-Peer Session: Online Trafficking and Recruitment Trends for Child Sex Trafficking, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (October 5, 2021)

Immigration Today: SIJS, VAWA, T Visas and U Visas, Maryland Judicial College In-person training for state court judges. Annapolis, Maryland (Maryland Governor's Council on Family Violence October 5, 2021)

Identifying and Promoting Promising Practices in Juvenile and Family Courts to Address Child Sex Trafficking, participated as a project partner bringing immigrant survivor expertise to the roundtable discussions. Reno, Nevada (September 30, 2021)

Discussion on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Implicit Bias in Courts' Work with Immigrant and Human Trafficking Survivors, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (September 14, 2021)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (August 31, 2021).

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (August 17, 2021).

Judicial Responses to Labor Trafficking: Presented a webinar for judges and court staff hosted by the National Judicial Network with faculty from the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, AEquitas, and NIWAP, Reno, Nevada (July 6, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (June 18, 2021).

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Planning Meeting for National Roundtable. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (June 10, 2021).

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (June 3, 2021)

Immigration Options for Survivors and Court's Role, Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (June 1, 2021)

Domestic Violence: From the Survivor's Perspective ((Immigration Judge Training - Session 2) Presented a national training for immigration judges together with a team of state court judges at a training for the Immigration Judges Association delivered by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Los Angeles, California (May 20, 2021)

Domestic Violence: Recognizing the Offenders Abusive Tactics (Immigration Judge Training - Session 1), Presented a national training for immigration judges together with a team of state court judges at a training for the Immigration Judges Association delivered by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Los Angeles, California (May 13, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (May 11, 2021)

Human Trafficking – Identification and Red Flags, Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (May 4, 2021)

A Break From the Bench: Discussion About U Visa Certification by Judges, discussion with NIWAP staff and judges about U visa certification at an event sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (April 27, 2021)

Achieving Equal Justice for Immigrants and Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence in Family Courts NIWAP recorded a webinar for the Michigan Judicial Institute for their statewide Judicial Conference for judges and court staff. Lansing, Michigan (April 19, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (April 13, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (April 13, 2021).

Trauma for Judges: Where do you see it? How do you identify it? What do you do about it? Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (April 6, 2021)

NCJFJC: Expanding the Toolbox for Children in Immigrant Families: Tips and Tools for Child Welfare and Children's Courts. Webinar workshop for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Juvenile Justice Conference, Reno, Nevada (March 23, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (March 9, 2021)

Opening Convening, Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (March 3, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (February 9, 2021).

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C. (February 2, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 12, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 11, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 6, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Second Convening, Washington, D.C. (December 9, 2020)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Opening Convening, Washington, D.C. (December 1, 2020)

“Helping Victims of Human Trafficking Courts Encounter in Juvenile Dependency, Child Welfare and Other Family Court Proceedings” Presentation for state family court, juvenile court, and children’s court judges at the National Conference on Juvenile Justice convened by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno Nevada (November 9, 2020)

Un momento para inspirarnos: Access to Justice for Immigrant Women Interview of Leslye Orloff by the New Mexico Judiciary Administrative Office of the Courts about the importance of language access in the advocacy for immigrant victims of crime (September 8, 2020).

“What Family and Child Welfare Judges Need to Know: Legal Options for Immigrant Adult, Teen and Child Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence?” Presentation for judges and court staff at the Annual Virtual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (July 21, 2020)

“Consultation Regarding Best Practices for Training Family Court Judges in the United States on Issues that Arise in Cases of Immigrant Crime Victims” consultation referred by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges preparing a U.S. representative to attend a summit in Latin America. Washington, D.C. (February 27, 2020)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Latest Tips, Tools, Bench Book and Best Practices for Judges” This webinar was presented for New Mexico State Court Judges at a webinar series sponsored by the New Mexico School of Law Institute on Public Law. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 26, 2019)

“U-Visa Certification By Judges: Legislative and Regulatory History and Judicial Ethics” Presentation for and virtual discussion with the Crime Victim Certification Steering Committee of Washington State responsible for implementation of Washington State’s 2019 U visa certification law. Seattle, Washington (November 11, 2019)

“Immigrant Crime Victims and Immigrant Children” Keynote presentation on legal rights, access to justice and the role of judges at the 59th annual American Judges Association Annual Educational Conference. Chicago, Illinois (September 16, 2019)

“Immigration Issues in Family Court Cases” was presented at the 2019 Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges Annual Education Program sponsored by the Office of the State Court Administrator for the State of Florida. Naples, Florida (August 7, 2019)

“State Court Cases Involving Immigrant Crime Victims and Immigrant Children: Custody, Discovery, and U Visa Certification by Judges” at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 82nd Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida (July 30, 2019)

“Legal Protections When Child Victims are Immigrants: The Judge’s Role” Webinar presented in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (June 20, 2019)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status – Best Practices of Drafting Findings” Webinar presented in collaboration with the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (May 14, 2019)

“Immigration Protections for Immigrant Victims of Child Abuse, Family and Sexual Violence: Role of State Court Judges” Workshop/Seminar at Mississippi Trial and Appellate Judges Spring Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi (April 25, 2019)

“Public Benefits and Services Legally Available to Immigrant Children and Victims – What Courts Need to Know?” Webinar presented in collaboration with the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (April 6, 2019)

“Access to Justice for Immigrant and LEP Victims- Access Exercise” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

“Access to Public Benefits and Publically Funded Services for Immigrant Victims and Immigrant Children” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

“Negative Consequences of Not Providing Language Access” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

“Opening, Introduction, and Evaluation” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

“U Visa Certification by Judges” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

“VAWA Confidentiality and Courthouse Immigration Enforcement” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

“Jeopardy! - Getting to Know NIWAP Training Materials” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

“VAWA Confidentiality and State Court Discovery” at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Newest Tips, Tools, Bench Book, and Best Practices for Judges” at the NCJFCJ National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Las Vegas, Nevada (March 18, 2019)

“Judicial Training Network Overview of Project and State Team Expectations” at Florida Judicial Training Network for Florida’s Judicial Leadership Team in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

“Immigration Relief for Crime Victims” at Florida Judicial Training Network for Florida’s Judicial Leadership Team in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

“Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality and Courthouse Enforcement” at Florida Judicial Training Network for Florida’s Judicial Leadership Team in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

“U and T Visa Certifications and Immigrant Victims in Civil Court Cases” at Florida Judicial Training Network for Florida’s Judicial Leadership Team in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

“Protection Orders and Immigrant Victims” at Florida Judicial Training Network for Florida’s Judicial Leadership Team in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

“Economic Relief and Public Benefits for Immigrant Victims” at Florida Judicial Training Network for Florida’s Judicial Leadership Team in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

“How Your Court Can Protect Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” at the 2019 City, Family, and Juvenile Judges Seminar. New Orleans, Louisiana (January 18, 2019).

“U Visa Certifications and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status -The Judge's Role” National webinar developed for the National Judicial College (November 30, 2018).

“Immigration Matters Related to Abused or Neglected Children, Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking” presentation at for the Office of the State Court Administrator at the Fall Judicial College Conference. St Louis, Missouri (October 24, 2018).

“U Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Impact on Civil Cases” presentation at National Association of Women Judges District Four Conference in Arlington, Virginia (October 20, 2018).

“Webinar Series hosted by Casa de Esperanza: Topics include Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Assault Survivors Webinar #2” at Judges Role in Cases of Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors. Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 15, 2018).

“Immigration - Domestic Violence Effects on Victims and Perpetrators” training at Family Court of D.C. Superior Court 16th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in Washington, D.C. (October 12, 2018).

“VAWA Confidentiality & the Courts: Protections Against Immigration Enforcement” session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)” session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

“Immigrant Victims & Children in Civil Court Cases: U & T Visa Certification” session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

“Economic Relief & Public Benefits Under VAWA” session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

“Impact of Immigration on Families- Intersection with Family Law” session at Judicial Training Network Training for Louisiana’s Judicial Leadership Team in New Orleans, Louisiana (September 21, 2018).

“Economic Relief and Public Benefits “session at Judicial Training Network Training for Louisiana’s Judicial Leadership Team in New Orleans, Louisiana (September 21, 2018).

“Impact of DHS Enforcement Priorities on Courts: VAWA Confidentiality and Custody” at the New Mexico Justice for Families Grant Training. Albuquerque, New Mexico (August 21, 2018).

“Immigration Matters Related to Abused or Neglected Children, Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking “presentation for the Office of the State Court Administrator at the Summer Judicial College Conference. Lake Ozark, Missouri (August 16, 2018).

“Protecting Immigrant Children: U visas, SJIS, and Other Legal Options” National Webinar for state court judges and court staff hosted by Zero to Three for court personnel. Des Moines, Iowa (August 2, 2018).

“Best Practices for State Court Cases: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality” training for Delaware State Court Judges and Commissioners and family law attorneys, sponsored by the Delaware State Bar Association at the 2018 Bench and Bar Conference. Wilmington, Delaware (June 15, 2018)

“Intersection of Immigration Law and Family Law in State Court Cases Involving Immigrant Parties and their Children” Training for state court judges covering custody, divorce, child support, family court discovery, and immigration enforcement at courthouses in cases involving immigrant crime victims and children. Albuquerque, New Mexico (June 7, 2018)

“State Court Judicial Role in Issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings and U Visa Certifications” Training for state court judges in New Mexico. Albuquerque, New Mexico (June 7, 2018).

“What State Courts Need to Know About Immigration and Why: Human Trafficking and Family Violence” presentation at Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Joint Meeting co the Louisiana Judicial College and the Louisiana State Bar Association Destin, Florida (June 5, 2018)

“Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training” First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 20-21, 2018)

“Economic Relief and Public Benefits” presented at the Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 20, 2018)

“VAWA Confidentiality and the Courts Part I: Protections Against Immigration Enforcement” presented at the Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 21, 2018)

“VAWA Confidentiality and the Courts Part II: Criminal and Civil Discovery” presented at Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by

teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 21, 2018)

“Convening to Develop the Culture, Race and Ethnicity Module for the National Judicial Training Network” to be piloted at the Judicial Training Network’s Multi-State Training. Austin, Texas (March 8, 2018)

“Promoting Just Outcomes When Immigration Issues Arise in State Court Proceedings” at “Give me your tired and poor: The Impact of Immigration Law in State Courts.” The presentation was for the National Judges Conference convened by National Consortium on Ethnic and Racial Fairness in the Courts, National Center for State Courts. Miami, Florida (January 12, 2018)

“Expert Guidance on Responding to U-Visa and T-Visa Certification Request” at Beyond the Bench - U and T Visa Certification Course Training. Statewide training for California state court judges on U visa certification by judges. Sponsored by the Center for Judicial Education, Judicial Council of California, San Diego, California (December 18, 2017)

“Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children State Court's Role” Presented training on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases and judicial U visa certification for family court judges hearing dependency, guardianship, protection order, custody and divorce cases. Las Vegas Family Court. The training was attended by state court judges, court staff and judges law clerks. This was training presented the new curriculum for judges on SIJS that has been developed with support from the State Justice Institute. Las Vegas, Nevada (December 15, 2017)

“Myths, Misconceptions, and Barriers Regarding Custody and Family Matters for Immigrant “Litigants at Identifying Barriers -Implementing Solutions. Workshop discussing issues that arise in family court in cases involving immigrant children and immigrant victims. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (December 1, 2017)

“The Congressionally Created Role for state Court Judges: U Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status” at Identifying Barriers -Implementing Solutions. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (December 1, 2017).

“Opening Plenary: Domestic Violence Dynamics and Legal Options in Cases Involving Immigrant “Litigants at Identifying Barriers – Discussing dynamics of crime victimization, identifying victims eligible for immigration relief, protections from deportation and benefits access for immigrant victims. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 30, 2017)

“Civil Case Types in Which Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Appear in State” Courts at Identifying Barriers – Implementing Solutions. This workshop identified the kinds of civil court cases outside of family law issues where immigrant survivors come to court for help, including housing (landlord/tenant), small claims, defaults on mortgaging, and bankruptcy cases, where facts relating to the domestic violence experience were part of the civil court case. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 30, 2017)

“Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims State Court's Role” Pilot training on NIWAP’s State Justice Institute curriculum on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U visa certification by judges and issues that arise in family court cases involving immigrant victims. The training was attended by state court judges and court staff. Rockford, Illinois (November 3, 2017)

“Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims State Court's Role” Civil Protection Order Judges Annual Meeting, presentation on U visa certification and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Two judges hearing protection order, custody divorce, and family law cases. 2017. Peoria, Illinois (November 2, 2017)

“Judicial Leadership and Partner Convening” Convened lead training judges nationally for a new Kellogg funded project and discussed how we will be providing training, technical assistance, and legal research materials to enhance the ability of judicial courts to apply immigration law correctly to cases. Discussed how to recruit judges and how to bring an NGO partnership into the justice system. Focused on six funded states for online and in person training, discussing issues such as family law cases and immigration options and enforcement. Wilmington, Delaware (November 2, 2017).

“NCJFCJ VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence” Presented a national webinar co-sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for judges, court staff, attorneys and advocates on VAWA confidentiality protections designed to deter deportation of immigrant crime victims, including enforcement at courthouses. Reno, Nevada (October 31, 2017)

“Judicial Training Network: Kick Off Meeting” Convened the official launch of six state judicial leaders for a project funded by the Kellogg foundation. The meeting brought together judges and experts in each of the six states to orient project partners, provide basic training and develop plans and timelines for state judge leadership team recruitment and the launch of training and technical assistance by leadership judges at the state level. East Lansing, MI (October 13, 2017)

“Unaccompanied Minors and Immigration” Leslye Orloff and Judge Ramona Gonzalez of La Crosse County Circuit Court presented a workshop at the 80th Annual National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference. Washington, D.C. (July 17, 2017)

“Protections for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” Training for the DC Superior Court addressing immigration options, family law protections, VAWA confidentiality and public benefits access for immigrant crime victims and immigrant children who come before family court judges. Washington, D.C. (April 28, 2017)

“Protection for Immigrant Children: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Beyond” Presented a workshop regarding the role of state court judges in cases involving immigrant children at the 2017 National Council of Juvenile Family Court Judges Conference. New York City, NY. (February 14, 2017)

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” Presented a plenary session at the Annual Idaho Judicial Conference sponsored by the Idaho Supreme Court (September 27, 2016)

“The Role of the State Court Judge in Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) Status Cases” participated as faculty in a training sponsored by the Judicial Education Department, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts at the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Mid Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. February 25, 2016.

“National Judges Meeting on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status” Convened and hosted a meeting attended by Judges from Texas, California, Missouri, Delaware, and Virginia as well as expert immigration attorneys, family attorneys, and subject matter experts from the Department of Homeland Security and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman’s Office to discuss Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and the requirement that children seeking SIJS possess predicate state court orders. A goal of this meeting was to design a bench book on SIJS for state court judges. Washington, D.C. January 7-8, 2016.

“Justice in Cases Involving Immigrant Families and Immigrant Crime Victims” presented two workshops at the 2015 Minnesota Judicial Branch Annual Conference of Judges covering DHS policies for non-removal or crime victims and caretaking parents, family law, public benefits, U visa certification and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Bloomington, Minnesota. December 2, 2015.

“SIJS Webinar for Judges”. Leslye Orloff and Commissioner Loretta Young worked with Oregon judicial training staff to deliver a state-wide webinar for Oregon judges on SIJS. This training was requested as a follow up to the in person training in Oregon held in May sponsored by NIWAP’s SJI grant. This webinar was an adaptation and expansion of the previous SIJS webinar presented by NIWAP staff and Commissioner Young together with faculty



from the Department of Homeland Security. The taping of this webinar will be included in the web-publication on YouTube of the national webinar. The webinar discussed the elements required for successful SIJS applications to be included in state court finding issued in cases involving SIJS eligible children. September 29, 2015.

“Next Steps: Addressing Issues that Arise in Family and Criminal Court Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors”. Leslye E. Orloff and Judge Lora Livingston co-presented this workshop for judges, lawyers and advocates at Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence conference convened by the King County Prosecutor’s Office with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator’s Office. This symposium was attended by judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement. September 11, 2015.

“Improving Access to Justice For Immigrant Survivors in Custody and Protection Order Cases: Up To Date Information About U.S. Immigration Law Protections, Public Benefits Access and U Visa Certification” Workshop presented at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges National Conference, Austin, Texas, July 27, 2015.

“State Court Findings for Abused Youth Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status” national webinar discussing the elements required for successful SIJS applications to be included in state court finding issued in cases involving SIJS eligible children. Presenters included faculty from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. July 13, 2015.

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children.” Presented a half day training for Indiana state court judges and commissioners working in family and criminal courts at Indiana’s annual judicial conference. Indianapolis, IN. May 1, 2015.

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children.” Presented two consecutive workshops to a state-wide audience of New Jersey judges and commissioners at their annual judicial training. New Jersey. April 21, 2015.

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” Half day state-wide training for Oregon state court judges at their annual judicial training. Portland, Oregon. April 16, 2015.

“Expert Advice for Judges: How to Handle U Visa Certification Requests.” Presented a 90 minute webinar for judges, court staff, attorneys, and advocates. Washington, D.C. December 1, 2014.

“Judicial Training on the Intersections of Immigration Law, Civil Law, and Criminal Law,” Presented a full day training for all Delaware State Commissioners. Rehoboth Beach, DE. December 4, 2014.

“Judicial Training on the Intersections of Immigration Law, Civil Law, and Criminal Law,” Presented a full day training for judges, commissioners, probation officers, and court staff presented in collaboration with the State of Utah Administrative Office of the Courts. Salt Lake City, Utah. November 20, 2014.

“Understanding the Intersection of Immigration Law in State Court Proceedings” Presented a webinar hosted by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence for judges, law clerks, and court staff. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. November 5, 2014.

“Judicial Training on the Intersections of Immigration Law, Civil Law, and Criminal Law.” Presented a plenary session and a workshop at the statewide mandatory training for magistrate judges in the state of Alaska hosted by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the State of Alaska. Anchorage, Alaska. October 9, 2014.

“Training for State Court Judges on Issues that Arise for Immigrant Victims in Family Court and Cases Involving Immigrant Children and Immigrant Crime Victims” Presented for D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware state court judges, attorneys, service providers and other court personnel. This session was webcast and is being promoted and viewed nationally. Washington, D.C. January 31, 2014.

“Opportunities to Make SIJS Findings in State Court Cases” Served as faculty with officials from the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a training for family court judges at D.C. Superior Court. Washington, D.C. December 5, 2013.

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” Conducted the second training for state court judges on issues that arise in state courts for immigrant crime victims. Wisconsin Dells, WI. November 8, 2013.

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” Conducted the first training for state court judges on issues that arise in state courts for immigrant crime victims. This training pilot tested what will be 7 trainings that we will hold on grants from the State Justice Institute. The training was hosted by the Chief Judge of the Travis County Courts, Judge Lora Livingston, who will serve as one of our national judicial trainers under this grant. Austin, Texas (October 17, 2013, SJI)

“Children and Immigration Issues: The Intersection in Judicial Proceedings” training at the National Association of Women Judges Mid-Year Meeting. Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 10, 2012.

“Family Courts and Immigrant Victims” Presentation at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and the National Women Judges Association. Washington, D.C. July 7, 2011.

“Immigration Law Protections for Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women Act: The Intersection with Family Courts and Child Custody” Plenary presentation at the national conference of the National Women Judges Association. Laguna Beach, California, March 11, 2011.

“Enhancing Justice for Battered Immigrants,” Developed and presented the first California state-wide training of judges and court personnel on issues that arise for immigrant victims in civil and family court cases. Presented at the “Family Violence and the Courts: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference” sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, Center on Families, Children and the Courts. San Francisco, California, September 10, 2004.

“VAWA’s Immigration Protections.” Presentation to lawyers and advocates about the legal rights of battered immigrant women and children at conference on “Victim services 1999: Current Issues and Intervention planned by the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. Wilmington, Delaware. March 10, 1999.

"The Battered Spouse Workshop." Assistance in the preparation and planning of Gender Bias Training for Immigration judges regarding the implementation of VAWA at the Annual Immigration Judges Conference. Newport Beach, CA, May 22-25, 1995.

“Immigrant Victims of Violence and State Courts,” served as faculty for training for attorneys, advocates and judges sponsored by Piedmont Legal Services and the Mecklenburg County Bar Association. Charlotte, North Carolina. August 7, 2007.

“Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases” Planned and served as faculty for day long training for California civil and criminal court judges on issues that arise in cases of immigrant victims. This training was sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts. San Diego, California, August 2, 2006

“National Training for Immigration Judges on VAWA’s Immigration Protections,” Served as faculty together with Department of Homeland Security staff for a videotaped training for all immigration judges planned by the Executive Office of Immigration Review, U.S. Department of Justice. Washington, D.C., June 20, 2005.

“National Judicial Training on Immigrant Victims Legal Rights.” Invited faculty for training and participant in planning meeting by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Family Violence Prevention Fund. Chicago, Illinois. August 5, 2005.

"Changes to the Violence Against Women Act: What Judges Need to Know." Presented a workshop on the legal rights of immigrant victims of domestic violence to attain legal immigration status and special issues for immigrant victims in family, protection order and criminal court cases at training hosted by the National Association for Women Judges at National Judges Training entitled "Removing Obstacles to Justice for Immigrants." Reno, Nevada, April 5, 2002.

"What Judges Can Do to Help Battered Immigrants Who Qualify for Immigration Protections Under the Violence Against Women Act." Served as faculty for a regional training planned by the National Women Judges Association with funding from the State Justice Institute. Washington, D.C., April 12, 2001.

"Understanding Cultural Differences Among Domestic Violence Victims." Mandatory Judicial and Court Employee training for the State of Delaware. Conducted four workshops for the Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council for training that all judges in Delaware were required to attend. Served as faculty for this judicial training with Senator Joseph Biden. Dover, Delaware. October 24-25, 1994.

"How Probation Officers can Assist Battered Women." Training for D.C. Superior Court Probation Officers covering the D.C. domestic violence statute, mandatory arrest and the role probation officers can play in stopping the cycle of violence. Washington, D.C. February 2, 1994.

"Listen to the Experts -- The Youth's Perspective." Was appointed by the D.C. Court of Appeals to serve on the planning committee for the 1994 D.C. Judicial Conference. The theme of the Conference was Rejuvenating Juvenile Justice -- Responses to the Problems of Juvenile Violence in the District of Columbia. Held June 23-24, 1994. Helped coordinate the opening session. Washington, D.C. December, 1993 through June 1994.

"Courts and Communities: Confronting Violence in the Family." Faculty member and member of the Thespian team for the first national judicial conference on domestic violence sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Involved in developing sessions on civil protection order law and enforcement, multi-cultural issues in the courts and child custody and visitation in abusive families. San Francisco, California. March 25 through 28, 1993.

"Access to Justice: The Legal System From a Cultural Perspective." Co-coordinator and presenter of panel at the District of Columbia Judicial Conference "Racial, Ethnic and Gender Biases in the Legal System and in Institutions Affecting It." Washington, D.C. June 5, 1992.

"Review of Superior Court Actions In Civil Protection Order Cases that are Contrary to the Intent of the Domestic Violence Statute and Detrimental to the Health and Welfare of Victims of Domestic Violence." Part of "Family Division's Critique of the Court." Presented at Mandatory Judicial Training for All D.C. Superior Court Judicial Officers. Washington, D.C., May 15, 1992.

"Overview of Criminal and Civil Court Systems Approach to Domestic Violence." Training for D.C. Superior Court Probation Officers and Court Social Workers on Domestic Violence. Washington, D.C., October 23, 1991.

"Domestic Violence." Co-coordinated training and served as a presenter for the first mandatory training on domestic violence for D.C. Superior Court Judges. Presented at the Judicial Training Conference. Somerset, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1990.

"Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Prevention" Training for social workers at D.C. Superior Court, the D.C. Department of Human Services and agencies that interface with the D.C. Court on child abuse and neglect cases. Washington, D.C., Fall, 1989.

## **POLICE, PROSECUTORS, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Best Practices: Responding to, Investigating, and Prosecuting Cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence Involving Immigrant Crime Victims, training for law enforcement and prosecutors in the Minneapolis and Saint Paul metropolitan region. Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 17, 2023)

Seeking Justice and Safety for Undocumented Immigrant Families and Their Children, Presentation at the Conference on Crimes Against Women for law enforcement, prosecutors and their agency's victim witness staff. Dallas, Texas (May 24, 2023)

The U Visa & Language Access: Tools to Increase Immigrant Victim Participation in the Justice System, for law enforcement, prosecutors and their agency's victim witness staff developed and presented for LETTAC the Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Collaborative. Dallas, Texas (May 23, 2023)

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month Video Recording for LETTAC" discussing the importance of best practices for serving immigrant victims. (September 23, 2022)

"OVW Community Responder/Vo-Responder Models." Roundtable on law enforcement response. NY (July 12, 2022)

"Ulster County Sheriff In-Service Training – Law Enforcement Best Practices: Responding to, Investigating and Prosecuting Cases of Noncitizen Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence." This training was carried out in partnership with the Ulster County Inter-Agency Council of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking. Ulster County, New York This training was carried out in partnership with the Ulster County Inter-Agency Council of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking. (May 2, 2022)

"Webinar Series Part I: Best Practices to Support Immigrant Victims and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System," Middlesex County, NJ (March 31, 2022)

LETTAC Grant Reporting Process, Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) (November 9, 2021)

"Collegial Conversation to Improve LETTAC," Improving technical assistance for underserved immigrant, Native American, and disabled victims. Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) (October 14, 2021)

"Site Administration Review," Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) (September 28, 2021)

"National Stakeholder Partner Member Convening, NIWAP's Director, Leslye Orloff was appointed to serve on the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW)" Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC). Kick-off first meeting. Tallahassee, Florida (August 31, 2021).

"Follow Up from USCIS Question and Answer Session with NIWAP's Expert Panel." Roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecution officials. Reno, Nevada (August 26, 2021)

"Question & Answer Session with USCIS U Visa Policy Experts." Law enforcement and prosecutor's roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecutors with USCIS U Visa Policy Experts. Reno, Nevada (July 27, 2021).

"Best Practices to Support Immigrant Victims, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System." Part 1 of a Webinar Series is open to local, state, campus, and tribal law enforcement on U Visa and detail the requirements of any application for immigration relief through the U Visa program. Otsego, NY (July 20, 2021)

The U Visa: A Tool to Support Victims, Communities, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System. Webinar for the New Mexico's Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office. Alamogordo, New Mexico (July 19, 2021)

IACP: The U and T Visa: A Tool to Support Victims, Communities, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System Alexandria, Virginia (June 17, 2021)

“The U Visa: A Tool to Support Victims, Communities, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System.” Part 1 of a 3-part webinar series recording for the Louisiana District Attorneys Association on the U Visa. Baton Rouge, Louisiana (April 22, 2021)

Trafficking Issues in the Justice Sector. Director Leslye Orloff hosted a meeting on human trafficking and domestic violence for Hubert Humphrey Fellows at AU WCL (Madonna Gay Escio, who is a public prosecutor from the Philippines, Diana O’Brien, who is a prosecutor of trafficking cases in Guyana, and Tuche Gaona Gordillo who worked in the prevention of trafficking in persons in Mexico) (March 23, 2021).

“Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims and the U Visa: Law Enforcement Best Practices Technical Assistance Overview.” Webinar for Office of Violence Against Women ICJR grantees. Minneapolis, Minnesota (December 14, 2020)

Support Your Work with Immigrant Victims with NIWAP’s Technical Assistance and Projects. Webinar for Assistant United States Attorneys at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. Washington, District of Columbia (December 9, 2020)

“U Visa as a Matter of Law: Difference Between Certification Helpfulness Requirement and Post-Filing Ongoing Assistance Requirement.” Roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecution officials. Reno, Nevada (November 12, 2020)

“The U Visa as a Crime Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions.” Statewide training for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Council of Georgia. Morrow, Georgia (October 20, 2020)

“Voir Dire: A Roundtable for Prosecutors” A discussion among prosecutors from across the country on best practices for jury selection in cases of immigrant victims. Reno, Nevada. (June 11, 2020)

“Criminal Justice System Response to COVID-19 & How NIWAP Can Support You” National roundtable sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) for law enforcement officers and law enforcement agency staff on the challenges faced by these groups due to COVID-19, strategies to work with immigrant crime victims, and the ways in which NIWAP can provide technical assistance. Reno, Nevada (April 16, 2020)

“The U Visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions” Webinar sponsored by the Missouri Office on Prosecution Services with POST continuing education credit for law enforcement officials on U visa certification as a crime fighting tool and the ways in which combatting domestic and sexual violence can enhance victim, community, and officer safety. Jefferson City, Missouri (February 27, 2020)

“The U Visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions” Webinar sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) aimed at training law enforcement and prosecutors on identifying victims who qualify for the U Visa and the ways in which combatting domestic and sexual violence can enhance victim, community, and officer safety. Reno, Nevada (February 20, 2020)

“Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims and the U Visa: Law Enforcement & Prosecution Best Practices Technical Assistance Overview.” Training at the 2019 Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program Orientation by the Battered Women’s Justice Project. New Orleans, Louisiana (November 19, 2019)

“Best Practices for Building Language Access to Reach and Respond to Immigrant and Refugee Communities” virtual discussion and webinar with a national group of law enforcement leadership sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum. Washington, D.C. (October 17, 2019)

“Multi-Disciplinary Best Practices: Immigrant Domestic & Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access and the U and T Visas” Training for law enforcement, prosecutors, adult protective services, legal aid, and victim advocacy organizations convened by the Missouri Columbia, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. (October 3, 2019)

“Multi-Disciplinary Best Practices: Immigrant Domestic & Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access and the U and T Visas” Training for law enforcement, prosecutors, FBI, US Attorney’s Office, Department of Homeland Security victim witness staff, child protective services, legal aid, and victim advocacy organizations convened by the Missouri Columbia, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. Kansas City, Missouri (October 2, 2019)

“Using Effective Crime Fighting Tools in Investigation and Prosecution of Criminal Cases Involving Immigrant Crime Victims” Presented two workshops for law enforcement and prosecutors for the Nebraska State Patrol’s No More Crimes of Power and Control conference. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 19, 2019)

“Building Multidisciplinary Collaborations that Promote Access to Justice and Enhance Safety for Immigrant Survivors of Family Violence and Sexual Assault” opening plenary at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference hosted by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

“Immigration Consequences For Witnesses & Victims: U Visas, T Visas, And VAWA Self-Petitions, Ethics, Timing, Discovery & Confidentiality”. Workshop presentation for the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys’ summer training program for elected prosecutors and their staff. Virginia Beach, Virginia (August 3, 2019)

“Immigrant Victim and Witnesses: U-Visas, T-Visa, VAWA Self-Petitions -- Ethics, Timing, Discovery, and Confidentiality.” Workshop presentation for the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys’ summer training program for elected prosecutors and their staff. Virginia Beach, Virginia (August 3, 2019)

“Prosecution Best Practices: Immigration Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa” presented a half-day training for law enforcement officials working for the St. Paul Police Department and jurisdictions in the St. Paul region. St. Paul, Minnesota (June 24, 2019)

“Law Enforcement Best Practices: Immigration Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa” presented a half-day training for Minneapolis, St. Paul, and other state and local prosecution officials. Planned by the St. Paul City Attorney’s Office. St. Paul, Minnesota (June 24, 2019)

“Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Crime Victims” Workshop presented at the national conference of End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI). San Diego, California (April 24, 2019)

“U Visa: Prosecutors Best Practices For Serving Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims” at the Improving Criminal Justice Response Program Grantee Orientation with the Battered Women’s Justice Project. Orlando, Florida (January 30, 2019).

“Immigrant Crime Victims and the U Visa: Law Enforcement Best Practices : Technical Assistance Overview” at the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program Grantee Orientation with the Battered Women’s Justice Project. Orlando, Florida (January 30, 2019).

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa” presented two ½ day trainings for prosecutors and victim witness staff at the Denver District Attorney. Denver, Colorado (August 29 and 30, 2018).

“Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Best Practices: Immigrant Crime victims, Language Access, and the U Visa” session at 2018 Advancing Strategies for a Safe & Healthy Community Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi (August 15, 2018).

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa” Recruited new law enforcement officer and prosecutor trainers to join NIWAP’s national faculty. This train the trainer event was delivered to build skills of NIWAP’s new faculty. Georgia. Morrow. (August 6-8, 2018).

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa” Statewide training co-sponsored by the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia. Morrow. (August 6, 2018).

“Law Enforcement Working in Rural Communities: Language Access” Webinar training for Kansas Law Enforcement Officers in collaboration with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center on best practices for providing assistance to limited English proficient victims. Topeka, Kansas (March 28, 2018)

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa” Regional training for law enforcement and prosecutors sponsored by the Portland Police Department for police and prosecution officers and victim witness staff working in western Oregon. (March 27, 2018)

“Law Enforcement Working in Rural Communities: U Visa Certifications” Webinar training for Kansas Law Enforcement Officers in collaboration with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center U Visa certification by law enforcement officers particularly those working in rural communities. Topeka, Kansas (February 26, 2018)

“Certify Early: It Won’t Ruin Your Case” AEquitas the Prosecutors Resource Center on Violence Against Women presented with NIWAP a national webinar for prosecutors, law enforcement, victim witness staff in prosecutors’ offices, victim advocates and attorneys on trial strategies for prosecutors in cases involving U visa victims including the advantages for prosecutors for certifying early. Reno, Nevada (November 27, 2017)

“Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Crime Victims: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, and Protection Orders” Training on best practices for working with immigrant crime victims for law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and their victim witness staff. U visa and VAWA self-petitions, VAWA confidentiality protections for immigrant victims, human trafficking and issues that arise in protection order case involving immigrant victims. Peoria, Illinois (November 2, 2017)

“Montgomery County State Attorney’s Office Training” Presented to State prosecutors and victim-witness specialists on U visa certification in cases of immigrant survivors. How certifying early protects immigrant victims from retaliation and deportation. Co-presented this workshop with AEquitas, the Prosecutors Resource Center of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Rockville, Maryland (October 4, 2017)

“U-Visa Certifications: Helpful Tool for Prosecuting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases” – Presented to the U.S. Attorney’s Office training leadership on U visa certification by prosecutors and VAWA confidentiality and criminal court discovery. Co-presented this workshop with AEquitas, the Prosecutors Resource Center of Domestic and Sexual Violence. DC. Washington, DC (October 4, 2017)

“Certifying Early: When Should You Sign a U or T Visa Certification for a Victim?” Roundtable #8 for Prosecutors and law enforcement discussing successful case strategies in criminal cases involving immigrant crime victims – U visa certification, discovery and case strategy. Reno, Nevada (September 21, 2017)

“Discussion with USCIS about U Visa Certifications” This Roundtable #6 for law enforcement and prosecutors featured a discussion with a USCIS official regarding the recently updated U Visa Certification forms. Reno, Nevada (April 23, 2017)

“U Visa Certifications: Helpful Tool for Prosecuting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases” Presented a workshop at the New Mexico District Attorney’s Association Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 11, 2017)

“Promoting Immigrant Victims and Detective Safety Through Best Practices: Language Access and Crime Victims Visas” Presented a workshop together with Officers Antonio Flores and Michael LaRiviere at the 2017 Advocacy in Action conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 3, 2017)

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa” Prosecutor and Law Enforcement training sponsored by the Honolulu Prosecutor’s Office. Honolulu, Hawaii (March 17, 2017)

“Immigration and Law Enforcement Tools for Working with Immigrant Survivors of Human Trafficking and Other Crimes” Presented a workshop together with representative from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Beau Thurnauer East Hartford Police Department-Deputy Chief, Chair IACP Crime Prevention Committee and at the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference San Diego, California (October 16, 2016)

“Proposal for International Association of Chiefs of Police Adoption of U and T Visa Model Policy” Presentation to the Crime Prevention Sub-Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police urging passage of a resolution in 2017 and adoption of a model policy and U and T visa certifications. San Diego, California (October 15, 2016)

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa” Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors. Sponsored by the Nampa Police Department and the Canyon Country Sheriff. Nampa, Idaho (September 29, 2016)

“Improving Officer and Survivor Safety by Ensuring Language Access at Crime Scenes” Workshop presentation at the National Center for Victims of Crime national conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (September 21, 2016)

“Open Forum Discussion on All Things U Visa” Law Enforcement and Prosecution Monthly Roundtable. Session 4 - Focused on frequently asked questions by law enforcement and prosecutors on the U visa certification process. (Reno, NV) (August 25, 2016)

“Best Practice: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U & T Visa”. Presented a workshop together with Officer Michael LaRiviere (Salem Police Department) and Detective Stacey Ivie (Alexandria Police Department) at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy. The project was a collaboration between NIWAP and the National Sheriff’s Association in partnership with AEquitas. Disputanta, Virginia (August 22, 2016)

“Law Enforcement Training Outreach for Sheriffs Strategy Meeting.” NIWAP met with National Sheriffs’ Association staffers to discuss trainings and materials geared towards sheriffs who may encounter immigrant crime victims in their communities. Alexandria, Virginia (April 7, 2016)

“Research and Access to FBI Data on DV Records of Perpetrators Who Kill Police Officers.” Call with Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department, Mary Ann Dutton, Georgetown University, and representatives from the FBI responsible for the database on police killed in the line of duty. (Washington, DC) (April 25, 2016)

“International Association of Chiefs of Police National Forum on Body Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women Victim Impact”. Invited participant in a forum brought together a multidisciplinary group of national subject matter experts to discuss the impact of body worn cameras on victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. Alexandria, Virginia. February 24, 2016.

“Improving Officer and Victim Safety Through Language Access at Crime Scenes” workshop presented at the National Sheriffs’ Association Winter Conference. Washington, D.C. February 7, 2016.

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U Visa: Lafourche Parish, LA”. Training sponsored by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Department and the Lafourche Parish District Attorney’s Office. LaFourche Parish, Louisiana. September 28, 2015.



“Best Practices for Law Enforcement: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa”. Leslye Orloff presented this workshop together with Officer Michael LaRiviere (Salem Police Department) at the Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence conference convened by the King County Prosecutor’s Office with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator’s Office. This symposium was attended by judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement. September 10, 2015.

“Immigrant Crime Visas: Law Enforcement’s Tool To Strengthen Community Policing”. Leslye Orloff and Officer Michael LaRiviere (Salem Police Department) presented a workshop at the National Center for Victims of Crime 2015 National Training Institute in Anaheim, California. September 9, 2015.

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U Visa: Huntersville, NC”: This training part of a series of trainings for which NIWAP staff is working with a team of law enforcement trainers and national partners to deliver OVW funded training on overcoming barriers to language access and best practices for working with immigrant survivors for police, sheriffs and prosecutors in 12 jurisdictions over the next three years. August 17, 2015.

“Assessing Helpfulness for Immigrant Crime Victims” Presented a 90 minute webinar that provided detailed information and examples on how to determine whether immigrant victims were “helpful” in the detection, investigation, prosecution or sentencing of a qualifying criminal activity when assessing whether he or she was helpful for purposes of signing U visa certification requests. Washington, D.C. May 26, 2015.

“The Use of the T Visa and U Visa to Improve Law Enforcement’s Work with Immigrant Victims” Presented a workshop at the Police and Correctional Training Commissions to over 35 law enforcement officials and corrections officers from the state of Maryland. Sykesville, Maryland. March 24, 2015.

“BWJP Webinar: Immigrant Crime Visas: Law Enforcement’s Tool to Strengthen Community Policing” Presented a webinar hosted by the Battered Women’s Justice Project. Washington, D.C. February 18, 2015.

“Train the Trainers: Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U Visa.” Presented to a team of 10 law enforcement and subject matter experts on U visa and T visa in order to train them to serve as faculty for nationwide law enforcement and prosecutor trainings. Miami, Florida. February 11-12, 2015

“Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U Visa.” Presented to over 50 law enforcement officials and prosecutors from the Miami area. Miami, Florida. February 10, 2015.

Domestic Violence Committee Meeting Presentation at the National Sheriff’s Association 2015 Winter Conference. Washington, D.C. January 23, 2015

Crime Victim Service Committee Meeting. Presentation at the National Sheriff’s Association 2015 Winter Conference. Washington, D.C. January 22, 2015.

“Understanding the Civil and Criminal Justice System” Webinar presented in partnership with Women Of Color Network (WOCN) FVPSA Expanding Leadership Opportunities For Underrepresented Groups Project. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. November 20, 2014.

“Train the Trainers: Promoting Accurate and Effective Communication with Limited English Proficient Persons: Law Enforcement and Community Safety Benefits” Presented a train the trainer even to train Police Academy trainers from the Albuquerque Police Department and victim advocates from Enlace Comunitario, the Albuquerque Mayor’s Taskforce on Domestic Violence, and the New Mexico Asian Family Center. Albuquerque, NM. October 23, 2014

“The Use of the U-visa and Language Access to Improve Law Enforcement’s Work with Immigrant Victims: Law Enforcement and Community Safety Benefits” Featured as a keynote speaker at the Rural Coordinated Community Response Institute. Bloomington, MN. October 22, 2014.

“Promoting Immigrant Involvement in Criminal Investigations: Hidden Key to Law Enforcement Safety” presentation and the National Sheriff’s Association National Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, June 28, 2014.

“National Sheriffs Association Annual Summer Conference: Identifying Human Trafficking in Your Community” Presented a training for 30 law enforcement officers on dealing with cases related to human trafficking. Fort Worth, Texas. June 21, 2014.

“Law Enforcement Help for Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking: U Visa Certification and T Visa Declarations,” Presented at a statewide training for the Pennsylvania Human Trafficking Taskforce convened by Delaware Women Against Rape for 90 law enforcement officials and 30 advocates and attorneys working with victims of human trafficking. Media, Pennsylvania. February 28, 2014.

“The U Visa Improves Safety for Victims, Officers and Communities” Delivered two presentations at the national conference of the National Sheriff’s Association before the Crime Victims Committee and the Domestic Violence Committee. Washington, D.C. January 22-23, 2014.

“The Use of the U-Visa to Improve Law Enforcement’s Work with Immigrant Victims” Presented workshops attended by 20 participants at the national conference for police and prosecution grantees sponsored by the Battered Women’s Justice Project. Jacksonville, FL. November 19-20, 2013.

“Building Capacity to Serve Immigrant Crime Victims” Training for law enforcement officers, U visa certifiers and advocates from the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence held at the Connecticut State Police Training Academy. Meriden, Connecticut. October 2, 2013.

“U Visa Certification and T Visa Endorsement: In Service National Training Video for Law Enforcement” Convened a meeting attended by two national law enforcement training experts and 6 issue experts from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) to design, review film footage for and develop a 30 minute POST approvable training for law enforcement to become a training tool that law enforcement officers across the country can take to earn required in-services training credits. This meeting was sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Office on Violence Against Women, DHS and FLETC. Washington, D.C. September 26, 2013.

“Police Official Chiefs and Leadership Convening on U Visa Certification” Convened the first national meeting of police chiefs and police department leadership on U visa certification. This meeting was attended by police chiefs/leadership from 9 jurisdictions and by U visa and immigrant crime victim experts from the White House and the Department of Homeland Security. Washington, D.C. June 13-14, 2013.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” Law enforcement training planned by the Delaware County Women Against Rape for 75 police officers and prosecutors from western Pennsylvania on U-Visa Certification. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. June 3, 2013.

“Promoting Accurate and Effective Communication with Limited English Proficient Persons: Law Enforcement and Community Safety Benefits” Participated in a planning meeting with the Albuquerque Police Department and the Mayor’s Taskforce on Domestic Violence to draft the nation’s first in-service training for police on providing language access to limited English proficient crime victims, witnesses and community members. Albuquerque, New Mexico. May 20-21, 2013.

“The Use of the U-visa to Improve Law Enforcement’s Work with Immigrant Victims.” This training was attended by 30 law enforcement officers in Riverside, California. April 22, 2013.

“The Use of the U-visa to Improve Law Enforcement’s Work with Immigrant Victims” Two day statewide training in Atlanta aimed at showing how law enforcement can use the U-visa to help immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Atlanta, Georgia, March 14-15, 2013.

“The Use of the U-visa to Improve Law Enforcement’s Work with Immigrant Victims” Massachusetts statewide training for law enforcement officials. Salem, Massachusetts, February 19, 2013.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” statewide training to Hawaiian law enforcement officials. Honolulu, Hawaii, October 19, 2012.

“Police Response to Violence Against Women Statewide Training: Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Service Immigrant Victims” This was a training for 60 police officers with representatives from each police jurisdiction and island in Hawaii. Sponsored and funded by the STOP Grant Administrator, Grants & Planning Branch, Crime Prevention & Justice Assistance Division of the Department of The Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Kapolei, Hawaii. October 19, 2012.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” This training was attended by 40 representatives from police, sheriffs and prosecution offices in Louisiana, as well as by representatives from the FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. New Orleans, Louisiana. September 21, 2012.

“Promising Partnership Practices Between Law Enforcement and Immigrant Victims of Crime” presentation at the National Center for Victims of Crime 2012 Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, September 20, 2012.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” This was a statewide training for law enforcement officers in Kentucky. Louisville, Kentucky, April 20, 2012.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” This was a statewide training in New Jersey aimed at helping local law enforcement understand the use of U-Visa. Edison, New Jersey, September 16, 2011.

“U-visa Certification.” This presentation was attended by 60 law enforcement officers and was helped planned by the National Center for Victims of Crime. Washington, DC, June 20, 2011.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” The National Immigrant Victims' Access to Justice for Partnership regional conference training to educate law enforcement on how to better help the immigrant victims in their jurisdictions. Alexandria, Virginia, June 17, 2011.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” This was a statewide training conducted with Michelle Sonnenberg (Boise Police Department), Tony Flores (San Francisco Police Department), and Rodolfo Estrada (Vera Institute of Justice). Spokane, Washington, June 3, 2011.

“Building Effective Law Enforcement Responses to Immigrant Victims” Training of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officials and prosecutors on U-Visa certification at a BJA sponsored training in collaboration with Vera Institute of Justice, San Antonio, Texas March 18, 2011.

“Building Police Response to Immigrant Victims: The U-Visa.” This presentation was attended by 60 law enforcement officers from jurisdictions surrounding Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was planned by the Delaware County Women Against Rape. February 24, 2011.

“Building Effective Law Enforcement Responses to Immigrant Victims” Training of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officials and prosecutors on U-Visa certification at a BJA sponsored training in collaboration with Vera Institute of Justice, Hilo, Hawaii, January 27, 2011.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence: What You Need to Know Today to Help Victims and Their Children” presentation for new grantees in the Community Defined Solutions to Violence Against Women New Grantee Orientation, Washington, D.C. December 17, 2010.

“Building Effective Law Enforcement Responses to Immigrant Victims” Training of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officials and prosecutors on U-Visa certification at a BJA sponsored training in collaboration with Vera Institute of Justice. Appleton, Wisconsin November 3, 2010.

“Protections and Legal Relief for Immigrant Victims: A Collaborative Response” presentation at state wide STOP grantee training for the state of Pennsylvania. Workshop attendees included police, prosecutors, victim witness staff and victim advocates at conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania State STOP Administrator and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 21, 2010.

“The Unique Challenges of meeting the Needs of Victims Who are Immigrants” Presented one-day training for the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute for prosecutors, police and victims’ advocates. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 7, 2010

“Building Effective Law Enforcement Responses to Immigrant Victims” Training of Northern California Law Enforcement Officials and prosecutors on U-Visa certification at a BJA sponsored training in collaboration with Vera Institute of Justice. San Francisco, California, September 30, 2010.

“Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims” Series of workshops presented during a statewide conference for law enforcement “Understanding the Tangled Web of Immigration Law- Assisting Refugee and Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence” sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Commissioner for Public Safety for the State of Maine. Portland, Maine, September 20, 2010.

“Building Effective Law Enforcement Responses to Immigrant Victims Train the Trainer” Training of Law Enforcement Officials who will serve as national trainers and technical assistance providers on U-Visa certification at a BJA sponsored training in collaboration with Vera Institute of Justice. May 10-11, 2010.

Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence: What You Need to Know Today to Help Victims and Their Children” Presentation for new grantees received arrest grants sponsored by the Battered Women’s Justice Project, Washington, D.C. December 8, 2009

“Helping Immigrant Victims Applying For U-Visas” Presentation together with Gail Pendleton of ASISTA on prosecutor and police certification of immigrant victims assisting in criminal investigations and prosecutions at a national conference of district attorneys for prosecutors and police sponsored by the National Association of District Attorneys (NDAA), San Antonio, Texas, October 31 and November 1, 2009.

“Law Enforcement and Advocates: Working Together to Help Immigrant Victims” workshop presented at “Improving Access to Help For Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women” planned by the Idaho Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Boise, Idaho. October 17, 2007

“Advocacy and Law Enforcement Response to Undocumented Immigrants,” Presentation at “Milestones & Momentum: Strengthening Community Responses to Violence Against Women” conference for Battered Women’s Justice Project. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 26, 2007

“Los Derechos de Victimas De Violencia Contra Mujeres,” presentation in Spanish on immigrant victims legal rights to advocates working with arrest grantees at training for new arrest grantees planned by the Battered Women’s Justice Project, Arlington, Virginia. December 1, 2005

“Issues Confronting Victimized Women in Jail and in the Criminal Justice System,” Panel presentation focusing on the dangers of criminal convictions for immigrant victims presented at the 8th International Conference on Family Violence Working Together to End Abuse, for the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, San Diego California, September 19, 2003

“Working With Immigrant Victims” Presented workshop at Law Enforcement Train the Trainer Program” Battered Women’s Justice Project, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 22, 2003

Midwest Regional Training: New Options for Immigrant Crime Survivors: An Interdisciplinary Training” planned by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women that the Immigrant Women Program co-directs. Chicago, Illinois, May 6, 2003

Assistance to Immigrant Victims,” Workshop on legal issues for immigrant victims that arise in criminal prosecutions presented at the Violence Against Women Leadership Summit for Violence Against Women Office funded prosecutors. The conference was jointly planned by the Battered Women’s Justice Project and the American Prosecutors Research Institute. Alexandria, Virginia. October 4, 2002

“Immigration Issues for Law Enforcement,” Presentation at “Domestic Violence: The Law Enforcement Response: A Training for Instructors planned by the Battered Women’s Justice Project for police trainers working in VAWO funded programs. This interactive workshop provided law enforcement violence against women trainers with tools and information they needed to incorporate into their training information about the rights immigrant victims have to access legal immigration status and law enforcement practices that can cut victims off from immigration benefits to which they would otherwise be entitled. Minneapolis, Minnesota. July 12, 2002

“Working with Immigrant Victims in Criminal Proceedings,” Workshop presented at the Nevada State Wide and regional Training on the Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence. Las Vegas, Nevada. May 1, 2002

“Representing Victims Charged With Crimes” co-presented this workshop at the “First Regional Training On Immigrant Victims Legal Rights” Co-planned with Nevada legal services organization and prosecutors office. Las Vegas, Nevada, May 1-2, 2002.

“Immigration Law and Criminal Conduct,” Served as faculty for this workshop presented for the first VAWO grantee training on the “Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Atlanta, Georgia. October 24, 2001

“Strategies for Immigrant Victims in Criminal Court Cases,” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Atlanta, Georgia. October 24, 2001.

“Working With Battered Immigrants in the Criminal Justice System,” Developed materials for planned and carried out this Teleconference for Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies grantees sponsored by the Battered Women’s Justice Project, Saint Paul, Minnesota, May 9, 2001.

“Criminal and Family Court Issues,” Workshop at “Fifth National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women,” Co-planned and co-led this national conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 3, 1999

“Working With Battered Immigrant Women Who Are Victim Witnesses in Criminal Prosecutions,” Presentation at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Domestic Violence Task Force Annual Luncheon on how prosecutors and battered women’s advocates can best work with battered immigrants to secure wherever safe and possible their cooperation in the criminal prosecution of their abusers. Chicago, Illinois, October 23, 1998.

“Domestic Violence and Mandatory Arrest,” Coordinated and conducted three day training for recruits and training officers of the United States Park Police. Washington, D.C. March 15-17, 1994.

“Trainings for D.C. Police Officers and Officials on Mandatory Arrest on Domestic Violence Calls.” Trained almost 800 police officers, officials and cadets. Training is still ongoing. Police Academy, Washington, D.C., between June, 1990 and December 1992.

“Mandatory Arrest Laws as a Response to Domestic Violence: A Double Edged Sword.” Presentation at American Public Health Association Conference panel “Improving Women’s and Minorities’ Health Care Through the Law: A Multi-cultural Perspective and Critique.” Washington, D.C., November 9, 1992.

## **FAMILY LAW AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW**

Mid-Year Check-In: Emerging Issues for Family Lawyers Representing Immigrant Victims. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (July 26, 2022)

Domestic Violence & Immigration Issues: Immigrant Survivors and Their Children: Assisting Survivors with Immigration Case Filings and Anticipating Issues in Preparation for Court, WILMU Webinar Series  
Wilmington, Delaware (April 26, 2022)

Addressing the Needs of Afghan / Muslim Refugees NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (March 29, 2022)

Civil Protection Orders for Noncitizen Survivors: What do Judges, Attorneys and Advocates Need to Know  
NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (February 24, 2022)

Child Custody and Immigration Related Abuse: Myths and Best Practices national webinar for judges, lawyers and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (December 13, 2021)

Immigrant Survivors and Their Children: Assisting Survivors With Immigration Case Filings and Addressing Issues That Arise in Family Court Cases. Part two of a webinar series hosted by West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Martinsburg, West Virginia (December 8, 2021)

Custody Questions and Answers With a Family Court Judge. Community of Practice for family lawyers. Reno, Nevada (October 19, 2021)

Family Law and Immigration Law: Custody Determinations. Community of Practice for family lawyers. Reno, Nevada (September 21, 2021)

Evidence Collection Helpful for Family and Immigration Case. Community of Practice for national family lawyers. Reno, Nevada (August 24, 2021)

Impact of Divorce on Immigration Status discussion with family lawyers participating in NIWAP's family law peer-to-peer community of practice (July 13, 2021).

Addressing Domestic Violence: Trauma-Informed Practice in a Remote Service Context NIWAP presented at the Practicing Law Institute's event titled "Addressing Domestic Violence 2021: Remote Family and Immigration Law Practice During Pandemic or Disaster" (February 5, 2021).

"Complicated Overlay of Domestic Violence, Immigration Status and Human Trafficking" Webinar for the Human Trafficking Awareness Webinars series hosted by Wilmington University. Wilmington, Delaware (December 15, 2020)

"Making it Work: Working Remotely and "Social Distancing" When Representing Immigrant Survivors" family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (September 22, 2020)

"Addressing Issues that Arise in Family Court Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors and Children: Learning from Judges" Training presented in collaboration with the D.C. Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants for attorneys, judges and court staff in the District of Columbia. Presented together with D.C. Superior Court and National Training Faculty judges. Washington, D.C. (August 25, 2020)

"Immigrant Survivors in Family Law and Immigration Cases: A Webinar for Attorneys" Training for legal services and shelter based attorneys in Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles Counties in Maryland. Hollywood, Maryland (July 30, 2020)

“Update on COVID-19 Resources for Immigrant Survivors, Advocates, Attorney and Courts” Community of Practice convening for family lawyers (June 25, 2020)

“Continued Discussion: Emerging Challenges for Family Law Attorneys due to COVID-19” Continuation of the COP’s discussion on the challenges faced by attorneys in ensuring access to courts and legal aid for victims, among other topics, in the midst of the COVID-19 health crisis. Reno, Nevada (April 13, 2020)

“Emerging Challenges for Family Law Attorneys due to COVID-19” Community of practice virtual learning discussion on how to face the new challenges presented by the COVID-19 health crisis and how NIWAP’s technical assistance services can offer support. Reno, Nevada (March 30, 2020)

“Priorities, Interests, Updates and Next Steps” Family law attorneys Community of Practice session planning meeting for upcoming year. Reno, Nevada (September 27, 2019)

“Affidavits of Support and Divorce Cases” Family law attorneys virtual Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (April 30, 2019)

“Discussion with Judicial Expert on U Visa Certification by Judges and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings” Discussion with family court Judge Rosemary Collins and NIWAP’s family law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (March 26, 2019)

“Custody for Abused Immigrants: Tips, Tools, and Best Practices” webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (November 15, 2018).

“DHS Enforcement Data and Designing Safer Orders Using ICE’s Sensitive Locations” webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (October 29, 2018)

“Detained Parents Directive” webinar presented to NIWAP’s Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (June 26, 2018).

“Founding of Clinical Legal Latina at Ayuda” interview with Ayuda’s board and staff discussing details of the founding and the first 15 years of Ayuda’s program providing assistance in family law, immigration and public benefits access for battered immigrants. Washington, D.C. (March 12, 2018)

“U Visas and Custody: Conversation With a Family Court Judge” Discussion of U visa certification by judges and issues that arise in custody cases when immigration laws and state family laws intersect. for the Family Law Community of Practice attorneys representing immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (November 30, 2017)

“Mid-Year COP Debriefing 2017” Hosted the twenty-second community of practice of call focusing on a review of past meetings and current developments. Reno, Nevada. (June 27, 2017)

“International Parental Kidnapping” Hosted the twenty second community of practice of call focusing on cross-border kidnapping and legal actions and the impact of the Hague Convention. Reno, Nevada. (May 30, 2017)

“Immigrant Children in Family Court” Presented a workshop focused on family law cases involving immigrant children at the Maryland State Bar Association’s Family Law Seminar: “Family Law University”. Baltimore, Maryland (March 30, 2017)

“Obtaining Child Support for Abused Immigrants” Hosted the twenty first community of practice call focusing on child support and how to work to help client obtain it. Reno, Nevada. (April 27, 2017)

“Updates on Housing for Immigrant Survivors and Identifying Issues in Child Support” Hosted the twentieth community of practice conference call. Reno, Nevada. (March 28, 2017)

“Electronic Evidence in Custody Proceedings” Hosted the eighteenth community of practice conference call to discuss a recent HUD memo confirming that VAWA self-petitioners have access to public and assisted housing under Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act. Reno, Nevada. (January 24, 2017)

“Working Together to Get the Best Results” Hosted Community of Practice Roundtable in Reno, Nevada. (October 27, 2016).

“Intersection of Family and Immigration Laws: Tips, Tools, and Best Practices” Presented at the American Bar Association’s Family Law Section Conference. Quebec City, QB, Canada (October 22, 2016)

“Continuation of VAWA Self-Petitioning Discussion with a Special Focus on Good Faith Marriage, Annulment and Any Credible Evidence” Hosted the seventeenth community of practice conference call. Reno, Nevada. (September 20, 2016)

“Promoting Safety Through Successful Family Court Outcomes When Family and Immigration Laws Intersect” Presented a concurrent plenary at the 21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma annual conference sponsored by The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). San Diego, California. (August 30, 2016)

“Issues Related to Family Law, Immigration, Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment” 21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma presented at a parallel plenary workshop on issues that arise in family court in a cases involving immigrant crime victims and children – custody, protection orders, child support and divorce and timing of family court and immigration cases to promote victim safety at the annual conference sponsored by The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). San Diego, CA (August 29, 2016)

“Advanced Economic Justice of Immigrant Survivors” Co-presented a national family law community of practice monthly webinar meeting with Sarah Prout Rennie, Interim Assistant Director of the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Assault. Washington, D.C. January 26, 2016.

“National Latina Policy Summit on Domestic Violence” Participated in a conference that furthered the development of a national policy agenda and priorities for preventing and ending domestic and sexual violence in Latino communities. September 19-20, 2013.

“Issues That Arise in Family Court for Immigrant Women and Immigrant Victims” Family Law Course taught at American University Washington College of Law with Rocio Molina. Washington, DC. August – December 2012.

“Immigrant Victims Legal Rights in Family Court Cases” Workshop at the annual conference of the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. Sioux Falls, South Dakota. December 1, 2010.

“Overview: What Family Lawyers Need To Know About Immigration Options For Immigrant Victims” Emerging Issues: New Tools to Help Immigrant Victims” Conference for 110 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April 9, 2009.

“Planning Meeting: Training For Immigration Lawyers On Overlap With Family Law Cases.” Participated in OVW funded planning meeting for ASISTA. San Francisco, California. January 23, 2008.

“Evolution of Protections for Immigrant Victims in Family Court.” Leslye Orloff, Immigrant Women Program Director’s acceptance speech upon receipt of the Roslyn Bell Award for lifetime achievement in developing family law protections for immigrant domestic violence victims. Presented by the Maryland Women’s Law Center. Baltimore, Washington. October 30, 2007.



“Immigrant Victims and Access to Family Court,” interactive workshop presented at “Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees on Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking.” Approximately 150 grantees from across the country attended. San Antonio, TX. February 6 and 8, 2007.

“Creative Protection Orders,” interactive workshop presented at “Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees on Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking.” Approximately 150 grantees from across the country will attend. San Antonio, TX. February 6 and 8, 2007.

“Immigrant Victims and Access to Family Court,” presented interactive workshop at “Midwest Regional Five-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking,” attended by state teams from Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Tennessee. St. Louis, MO. November 10, 2006.

Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking,” attended by state teams from Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Tennessee. St. Louis, MO. November 9, 2006.

“Advanced Family Law.” Offered highly interactive workshop for advanced family lawyers. Workshop presented at state-wide conference on working with victims of domestic violence and trafficking planned by the YWCA and Immigrant Advocacy Coalition. IWP’s HHS grant funded IWP’s and the Family Violence Prevention Fund’s participation. Cincinnati, Ohio. October 30-31, 2006.

“Immigration Issues in the Context of Family Law Cases,” Presentation to legal services lawyers at the Substantive Law Conference of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. San Jose, California, July 20, 2006.

“Family Law,” Presented a half-day workshop at the OVW training “Understanding The Complex Realities And Enhancing Skills In Working With Immigrant Victims Of Domestic And Sexual Violence.” Miami, FL. June 14, 2006.

“Family Protection Order Technical Assistance,” Question and answer session at the “Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees.” Miami, FL. June 13 and 16, 2006.

“Interaction of Immigration and Family Law Issues in Custody and Protection Order Cases.” Workshop presented at “Institute on Child Custody and Domestic Violence.” Planned by the Cutler Institute for Child and Family Police, Edward S., Muskie School of Public Service. This was training for attorneys, judges, advocates and visitation center staff for the Office on Violence Against Women. Chicago, Illinois, May 12, 2006.

“Recognizing and Understanding Your Role as Family Law Attorney in Identifying and Assisting Survivors of Human Trafficking.” Presented workshop with Maria Jose Fletcher of Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center at “Institute on Child Custody and Domestic Violence.” Planned by the Cutler Institute for Child and Family Police, Edward S., Muskie School of Public Service. Training for attorneys, judges, advocates and visitation center staff for the Office on Violence Against Women. 130 people attended. Chicago, Illinois, May 11, 2006.

“Family Law and Immigrant Women Roundtable” planned a meeting of family law experts to discuss difficult issues that arise in cases of immigrant victims and plan development of resource and training materials for attorneys and judges. Washington, D.C. March 28-29, 2006.

“Family Law Basics in Representing Immigrant Women,” National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Conference, presentation on family law issues that affect immigrant women, Irvine, CA, November 9-11, 2005.

“Intersection Between Family Law and Immigration Law Cases,” presentation together with Rosa Fregoso of the Los Angeles Legal Aid Foundation at the Los Angeles Family Law Coalition Meeting, Los Angeles, California, October 3, 2005.

“Issues Arising in Family Law Cases for Battered Immigrants,” served as faculty for this workshop for legal services family lawyers presented at the “National Civil Law Institute,” planned by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 2005

“Effective Client Communication” planned and participated in two plenary sessions discussing techniques for working with interpreters and Title VI requirements regarding provision of interpreters to Limited English Proficient clients at the “National Civil Law Institute,” planned by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Chicago, Illinois, July 18, 2005.

“Issues Arising in Family Court Cases For Immigrant Survivors,” presented at “How to Work More Effectively With Immigrant Survivors Conference” planned by the Family Violence Prevention Fund for OVW grantees, Maui. Hawaii, June 15, 2005.

“Immigration Status and Custody,” workshop at “Northwest Regional Six-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Trafficking,” attended by state teams from Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 12, 2005

“Creative Protection Orders,” at “Northwest Regional Six-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Trafficking,” attended by state teams from Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 12, 2005.

“Using Family Law To Provide Creative Relief for Immigrant Victims,” presented workshop at “Building Communities To Improve Services To Immigrant Victims Of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, And Trafficking: OVW Grantee Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 3, 2004.

“Using Family Law To Provide Creative Relief For Immigrant Victims” Presented at Building Communities To Improve Services To Immigrant Victims Of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, And Trafficking: OVW Grantee Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 2, 2004

“Issues That Arise for Immigrant Victims in Protection Order, Custody and Family Court Cases.” Workshop presented at the Southern Regional Training for the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, Miami, Florida, and May 16, 2004.

“Immigration Relief: Intersection Between Immigration Law and Family Law,” presentation at the Family Law Focus Group Conference, planned by Legal Momentum’s Immigrant Women Program, Austin, Texas, June 9, 2004.

“Intermediate Family Law – Custodial Interferences.” at the OVW Funded Southern Regional 7-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Victims. Miami, Florida, May 17, 2004,

“Issues That Arise for Immigrant Victims in Protection Order, Custody and Family Law Cases” at the OVW Funded Southern Regional 7-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Victims. Miami, Florida, May 17, 2004,

“Issues That Arise for Immigrant Victims in Protection Order, Custody and Family Court Cases.” Presentation at training for family lawyers, supervised visitation center staff and advocates at the “Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institute planned by the Muskie Institute for Office on Violence Against Women grantees. Baltimore, Maryland, May 4, 2004.

“Child Protective Services Scenario.” Served as expert faculty for a workshop highlighting issues that arise for immigrant families in child protective services cases. at the “Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institute planned by the Muskie Institute for Office on Violence Against Women grantees. San Francisco, California, February 5, 2004.

“Cultural Issues and Parenting Concerns for Women Experiencing Family Violence”. Workshop presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence Working Together to End Abuse, for the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, San Diego California, September 18, 2003.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence and Child Abuse,” Half day training at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence Working Together to End Abuse, for the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, San Diego California, September 17, 2003.

“Family Law Issues and Battered Immigrants,” at Five-State Regional Summit: Building State Capacity to Better Service Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Regional summit which brought together state teams from Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota and led them through a process of planning how each state could work together and involve others in improving services to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in their states. St. Paul, Minnesota. July 29, 2003

“Family Law Issues in Cases of Immigrant Victims.” Workshop covering issues that arise in protection order, divorce and custody cases when working with immigrant victims at “Institute on Immigration for Survivors: Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking through Legal Services for Victims Programs” Planed by LAPTOP, San Diego California, May 20, 2003.

“Representing Immigrant Victims in Family Law Cases.” Presented session on the various issues that arise for immigrant victims in custody, divorce, protection order and other family court cases at the Presented at the “Midwest Regional Training: New Options for Immigrant Crime Survivors : An Interdisciplinary Training” planned by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women that the Immigrant Women Program co-directs. Chicago, Illinois, May 6, 2003.

“Representing Immigrant Victims in Family Law Cases.” Served as faculty for national teleconference attended by over 150 participants on legal issues that arise in family court cases when representing immigrant victims. Training was planned by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Washington, D.C. March 12, 2003.

“Representing Battered Immigrants in Family Court Cases.” Workshops presented at the national conference of the National Lawyers Guild. Los Angeles, California. October 15, 2002.

“Multicultural Issues in Family Violence.” Participated in panel presentation on special issues that arise and the dynamics of domestic violence in cases of immigrant victims. This workshop was presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence. San Diego, California. September 26, 2002.

“Family Law: Parental Kidnapping And The Hague Convention,” training workshop at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida, August 22, 2002.

“Introduction To Family Law And Protection Orders For Battered Immigrant Women.” Presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Training for VAWO grantees on immigrant victims’ legal rights. Miami, Florida. August 21, 2002.

“Introduction To Family Law And Protection Orders For Battered Immigrant Women, “Family Law: Issues Of Custody And Jurisdiction,” “Family Law: Parental Kidnapping And The Hague Convention,” “Model Legal Programs For Attorneys And Advocates,” “Conducting Community Based Research,” And “Getting Your Research Project Funded. Served as lead planner, faculty and moderator for training workshops at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida, August 21-23, 2002.

“Two Opening Plenary Panels on Cultural Competence,” “Legal Options For Immigrant Victims,” and Introduction To Family Law And Protection Orders For Battered Immigrant Women.” Served as planner, faculty and moderator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Training for VAWO grantees on immigrant victims’ legal rights. Miami, Florida. August 20-21, 2002.

“Family Law: Issues Of Custody And Jurisdiction,” training workshop at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida, August 21, 2002.

“Legal Options for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Presented two-part workshop focusing on the rights of immigrant victims in family law and immigration matters at National Legal Aid and Defender’s Association Substantive Law Conference. Colorado Springs, Colorado. July 26, 2002

“Family Law Issues (Protection Orders/Custody/CPS Issues)” Workshop presented at the Nevada State Wide and regional Training on the Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence. Las Vegas, Nevada. May 1, 2002.

“Family Law Track” planned presented and facilitated this track at the “First Regional Training On Immigrant Victims Legal Rights” Co-planned with Nevada legal services organization and prosecutors office. Las Vegas, Nevada, May 1-2, 2002.

“Immigration Law and the Legal Rights of Battered Immigrants in Family Law Cases and to Battered Women’s Services.” Served on the planning committee and as faculty for the “Improving Services to Battered Immigrant Women in Rural Communities” training for teams of VAWA Rural grantees from Idaho, Wyoming, Texas, New Mexico and North Dakota planned by the Vera Institute. New Orleans, Louisiana. December 2-4, 2001.

“Fundamentals of Family Law and Protection Order Issues for Battered Immigrants.” Served as faculty for this workshop presented for the first VAWO grantee training on the “Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Atlanta, Georgia. October 24, 2001.

“Family Law Workshops Track” planned, co-presented and facilitates the family law workshops held at the “6<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Seattle, Washington. August 10-12, 2000.

“Issues Arising For Battered Immigrants in Custody, Divorce and Child Support Matters,” presented at “Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Seattle, Washington, August 10, 2000.

“Family Law Discussion: Protection Order Access, Issues and Enforcement,” presented at “Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Seattle, Washington, August 10, 2000.

“Access to Legal Protections for Battered Immigrants: What Family Lawyers Need to Know.” Planned and presented workshop at training conference for young lawyers at conference planned jointly by the American Bar Association’s Commission on Domestic Violence and the Young Lawyer’s Division, Washington, D.C. May 11, 2000.

“Refugee Women and Children.” Keynote speech at Church Women of The United Methodist Church meeting. Washington, D.C. February 2, 1998.

“Assisting Battered Immigrant Women in Family Law Cases and With Protection Orders,” and “Battered Immigrant Women And Welfare.” Ayuda staff helped plan and participated in several sessions as faculty for a statewide Texas training on domestic violence and the battered immigrant women’s provisions of the Violence Against Women Act. This “Violence Against Women Act: Family Law and Immigration” conference was sponsored by Political Asylum Project of Austin, Texas Young Lawyer’s Association. Austin, Texas. April 10, 1997

“Overview of Civil Legal Options for Domestic Violence Victims.” presentation at “Train the Trainers Conference planned by the Alaska Domestic Violence Training Project, State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health. Anchorage, Alaska. March 28-29, 1996.

"Domestic Violence Family Law Series." Served as teaching faculty at Family Law training program for the D.C. Bar Public Service Activities Corporation. Washington, DC. May 10, 1995.

"Developments in Domestic Violence Litigation: An Overview of Recent Decisions." Assisted Fredrika Lehrman of the American Trial Lawyers Association in developing a presentation for the ATLA conference "Domestic Violence: The Injured, The Accused, The Expert and The Courts." Nashville, Tennessee. September 23, 1994.

"Domestic Violence." Taught a section of the District of Columbia Bar Continuing Legal Education training for lawyers on the Nuts and Bolts of Family Law in the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C. May 24, 1994.

"Domestic Violence Victims and the Legal System." Taught class for American University's Washington Justice Semester. Washington, D.C. March 23, 1994.

"Domestic Violence and Family Law." Class for Promotores De Derecho (Community Legal Advocates) Central American Refugee Center. Washington, D.C., November 14, 1986.

"Domestic Relations Law." Community Legal Education In Spanish for the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Latino Festival. Washington, D.C. July 26, 1986.

## **LANGUAGE ACCESS**

(See also numerous trainings for law enforcement and prosecution officials that covered language access to law enforcement services in the trainings for Police and Prosecutors of this document.)

Immigrant Crime Victims Legal Rights and Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Victims, webinar for the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence and Office of Victims of Crime Grantees San Francisco, CA (August 24, 2022)

"Community of Practice: Fundamentals on Remote Interpretation" presented in collaboration with the Interpreter resource center at the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence. Reno, Nevada (October 27, 2020)

"In Accordance with the Law: When Your Victim or Witness Speaks Limited English" Webinar sponsored by the Missouri Office on Prosecution Services with POST continuing education credit for law enforcement officials on how improving language access by using tools can improve investigations and prosecutions as well as enhance victim safety and participation in the criminal justice system. Jefferson City, Missouri. (February 6, 2020)

"Part 2: Benefits for Law Enforcement to Working with Qualified Interpreters and How to Increase the Number of Qualified Interpreters for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases" Roundtable with a continued discussion on the benefits of language access tools, specifically qualified interpreters, on enhancing victim safety and participation in cases involving domestic and sexual violence. Presented as a follow up to a national webinar on language access offered in late 2019. Reno, Nevada (January 30, 2020)

"Language Access Requirements and Effective Strategies to Remove Barriers for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Survivors: Virtual training and discussion with the Language Access Municipal Network hosted by the City of Boston attended by lead staff responsible for improving language access in cities across the U.S. Boston, Massachusetts (November 22, 2019)

"In Accordance with the Law: Working with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims with Limited English" Proficiency National webinar for the Office on Violence Against Women presented in collaboration with the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence (November 21, 2019)

"The Case of Maria Luis: The Importance of Language Access in Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Cases" plenary presentation at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference sponsored by the Nebraska Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

“Access to Justice for All Victims: Language Access and Meaningful Collaborations” at the National Crime Victim Law Institute Conference. Half-day institute developed and presented in collaboration with the Vera Institute for Justice, RAKSAH and Casa de Esperanza. Portland, Oregon (June 5, 2019)

“Language Access for Law Enforcement” Webinar presented with the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence on language access best practices for law enforcement officials developed and delivered in collaboration with Casa de Esperanza and the Vera Institute for Justice, Underserved Populations Resource Center supported by the Officer for Victims of Crime. (June 3, 2019)

“Law Enforcement Working in Rural Communities: Language Access” Webinar training for Kansas Law Enforcement Officers in collaboration with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center on best practices for providing assistance to limited English proficient victims. Topeka, Kansas (March 28, 2018)

“Immigrant Crime Victims and Language Access - Community of Practice” Lead a listening session and discussion with family lawyers who represent immigrant crime victims in communities across the country about the challenges they are encountering facilitating language access to the courts and law enforcement assistance. The results of this listening session were submitted to the Vera Institute for Justice for the National Resource Center on Underserved Victims. Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (September 26, 2017)

“Improving Officer and Survivor Safety by Ensuring Language Access at Crime Scenes” Workshop presentation at the National Center for Victims of Crime national conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (September 21, 2016)

“Improving Officer and Victim Safety through Language Access at Crime Scenes” Workshop presentation at the National Sheriff’s Association annual meeting. Washington, D.C. (February 7, 2016)

“ABC’s of Language Access Advocacy.” NIWAP conducted its OVW sponsored webinar with CALCASA and the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (API) on language access laws and language access advocacy strategies to work with local law enforcement agencies and courts to ensure access to the justice system by limited English proficient immigrant crime victims. November 23, 2015.

“Language Access for Sexual Assault Survivors and Working Effectively with Interpreters” at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 27, 2013)

“Language Access” Workshop presented at “Best Practices For Serving Immigrant Survivors” Conference for 60 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 7, 2009.

“Interpretation Technical Assistance Resource Center Advisory Committee.” Participated as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Interpretation Technical Assistance Resource Center (ITARC) at a conference sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice and the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence. San Francisco, California. April 7-8, 2008.

“Language Access,” interactive workshop presented at “Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees on Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking.” Approximately 150 grantees from across the country will attend. San Antonio, TX. February 6-8, 2007.

“Language Access Workshop,” interactive workshop presented at “Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees on Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking.” San Antonio, TX. February 7, 2007.

Representation of a Limited English Proficient Victim” and “Effective Advocacy Strategies to Ensure Integration of Interpreters/Language Access in Your Community” for this ABA Commission on Domestic Violence 1st National Institute on this topic. Seattle, Washington. May 14-15, 2007.

“Language Access,” Plenary presentation at “Midwest Regional Five-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking,” attended by state teams from Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Tennessee. St. Louis, MO. November 9, 2006.

“How To Work Effectively With Victims Who Speak Limited English,” Workshop presented at statewide conference on working with victims of domestic violence and trafficking planned by the YWCA and Immigrant Advocacy Coalition. IWP’s HHS grant funded IWP’s and the Family Violence Prevention Fund’s participation. Cincinnati, Ohio. October 30-31, 2006,

“Use and Integration of Interpreters in Civil Representation of Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking National Training Institute” Steering Committee for ABA Commission on Domestic Violence training institute. Seattle, Washington, October 16, 2006

“Language Access,” interactive session at the “Understanding The Complex Realities And Enhancing Skills In Working With Immigrant Victims Of Domestic And Sexual Violence.” Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees.” Miami, FL. June 13 and 16, 2006.

“Importance of Interpreters in Protection Order Cases.” Served as faculty for interactive training at “Institute on Child Custody and Domestic Violence.” Planned by the Cutler Institute for Child and Family Police, Edward S., Muskie School of Public Service, training for attorneys, judges, advocates and visitation center staff for the Office on Violence Against Women. 130 people attended. Chicago, Illinois, May 11-12, 2006.

“National Advisory Board Meeting for National Institute of Justice Funded Research Project: Serving Limited English Proficient (LEP) Battered Women: A National Survey on the Courts’ Capacity to Provide Protection Orders.” Participated in advisory committee meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, March 8-9, 2005.

“Immigration and Other Legal Issues for Immigrant Victims.” Presentation of two workshops at Battered Women’s Justice Project and Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for prosecutors, judges, police and victim advocacy programs for Arrest Grantees. Washington, D.C. February 1, 2005.

“Developing Interpreter Resources” facilitated problem solving technical assistance session at “Institute on Immigration for Survivors: Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking through Legal Services for Victims Programs” Planed by LAPTOP, San Diego California, May 19, 2003.

"The Language of Justice: Meeting the Challenge of Multi-cultural and Language Impaired Populations." Panel presentation at D.C. Bar Winter Meeting, Access to Justice. Washington, D.C., February 19, 1992.

## **ADVOCACY AND LEGAL SERVICES**

### **ADVOCACY, CULTURE, BUILDING CAPACITY AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

Meeting of the Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (July 5, 2023)

OVW All Technical Assistance Provider Meeting participated in national meeting. Bethesda, Maryland (April 25-27, 2023)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (April 12, 2022)

Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff led the meeting as the appointed chair of the committee for the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (March 30, 2023)

Women’s History White House East Wing Tour NIWAP staff and board members invited to attend. Washington, D.C. (March 25, 2023)

Clinica Legal Latina at Ayuda filmed interview regarding the founding of the domestic violence program at Ayuda in Washington D.C. (March 23, 2023)

National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP) & Technical Assistance Provided to Rural Grantees Rural Grantee Orientation National webinar convened by OVW for rural grantees. Reno, Nevada (January 18, 2023)

Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff led the meeting as the appointed chair of the committee for the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (January 12, 2023)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (January 11, 2023)

Technical Assistance Clinic. Presented to the STOP Technical Assistance to Administrators Resource Project describing the full range of topics that NIWAP can assist with including immigration, family law, public benefits, language access, working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts, and best practices for professionals working with immigrant survivors. Chicago, IL (December 12, 2022)

Stalking Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council Leslye Orloff participated as a Council member Annapolis, Maryland (December 12, 2022)

OVW LAV Expanding Legal Services Initiative. Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (November 2, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (October 12, 2022)

Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff led the meeting as the appointed chair of the committee for the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (October 6, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (April 13, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (January 5, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor’s Family Violence Council. Annapolis, Maryland (October 5, 2022)

Zolan Kanno-Youngs, “Biden Aims to Rebuild and Expand Immigration” Leslye Orloff was interviewed and quoted about proposed improvements to the U visa program that would offer victims earlier access to protection from deportation. New York Times (May 31, 2021).

Cheng, Yilun, “When It’s Up to the Cops if You Get Your Visa.” Leslye Orloff was interviewed and quoted for this slate article on the U visa (April 14, 2021)

“Launch of a New Community of Practice for Victim Advocates – Overview and Introductions” for new members who are victim advocates and victim witness staff from law enforcement and prosecution agencies. Reno, Nevada (October 8, 2020)

“Community of Practice for Victim Advocates” NIWAP is launching a new community of practice peer-to-peer learning opportunity for victim advocates working with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and human trafficking. Membership is open to victim advocates working in community



based, faith based, and culturally specific organizations and to victim witness staff from law enforcement and prosecutors' offices. The group will meet virtually bi-monthly. Advertised in NIWAP's newsletter. (March to October 2020)

"All TA Provider Meeting: Acknowledging our Footprints, Continuing the Journey" Bethesda, Maryland. NIWAP attended and participated in this convening sponsored by the Office of Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice (November 28, 2018).

"Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U and T Visas" this training covered immigrant crime victims access immigration relief, discussing how immigration remedies differ in terms of eligibility and the extent they lead to public benefits access in Oregon. Portland, Oregon (March 26, 2018)

"Support Your Work with Immigrant Survivors with NIWAP's Technical Assistance and Training" Webinar presented to OVW grantees. Reno, Nevada (January 30, 2018)

"Supporting Your Work with Immigrant Survivors: Building Legal Capacity to Combat Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Against Immigrants" Presented joint plenary session at OVW 2017 Grantee Orientation for the Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Grant Program and the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program, Washington, D.C. (January 17, 2018)

"Best Practices for Representation of Immigrant Children and Crime Victims in State Family Court Cases" Presented a Statewide training for Attorneys on U visa certification by judges and obtaining findings from state court judges for SIJS eligible children. Sponsored by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Las Vegas, Nevada (December 15, 2017)

"Site Visit with OVW" Saharah Inc. Artesia, California and Los Angeles Foundation for Legal Aid. Los Angeles, California (October 24-26, 2017)

"Building a Community of Practice: Creating a Culture of Social Equity for Immigrant Women and Children" Full day intensive workshop facilitated and served as faculty at the 2016 Forum of the Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance's Conference focusing on enhancing futures for children. Denver, Colorado (October 7, 2016)

"Hope, Help, and Healing: A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence and Abuse" Collaborated with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network and ASISTA to present a training for Catholic Church funded legal and social service providers at a National Domestic Abuse Symposium sponsored by Catholic University. NIWAP's training covered: DHS victim protection policies, creative use of protection orders in cases of immigrant victims, obtaining custody for immigrant victims, and access to health care, shelter, transitional housing and other government funded services necessary to protect life and safety. Washington, D.C. (July 8, 2016)

"Community Based Advocacy: Policy Reform and Systems Advocacy" taught a webinar for the Women of Color Network's Leading UP! Fellows. Leading UP! is an HHS funded leadership course for women of color and mainstream allies working at domestic violence victim advocacy programs across the country. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. March 4, 2016.

"WOCN Leading UP Academy" In a continuation of NIWAP's work funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NIWAP is serving as faculty for an advanced leadership academy offered for a group of women of color domestic violence victim advocates in collaboration with the Women of Color Network (WOCN) Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. January 7, 2016 and January 29, 2016.

"Breaking Silos: What TA Providers Need to Know to Support Grantees Working with Immigrant Survivors" Presented this workshop at the Office on Violence Against Women sponsored national technical assistance providers convening. Bethesda, Maryland. November 17, 2015.

"Best Practices That Promote Safety and Holistic Assistance for Immigrant and Refugee Survivors". Leslye Orloff presented a key note plenary at the Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence

conference convened by the King County Prosecutor's Office with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator's Office. This symposium was attended by judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement. September 11, 2015.

"Office on Violence Against Women National Technical Assistance Provider Meeting" Presented at this meeting on behalf of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project. Washington, D.C. November 13-15, 2013.

"VAWA Immigration Protections, Immigration Enforcement and Language Access" Training presented to 15 members of the leadership and board committees of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. Lanham, Maryland. August 16, 2013.

"Leadership Planning Meeting: Expanding Leadership Opportunities For Underrepresented Groups Project" Participated as the national immigrant victims' expert partner for the Women of Color Network's Family Violence Prevention and Services Act-funded leadership training. This training was attended by 50 advocates in the domestic violence movement who serve women of color, immigrant, LGBTQ and other underserved communities. Washington, D.C. June 19-21, 2013.

"Community Based Advocacy: Policy Reform and System Advocacy" Workshop was presented for the Women of Color Network. Baltimore, Maryland. April 4, 2013.

"Identifying and Assisting Immigrant Crime Victims and Witnesses" presentation at the national Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Public Advocate Training. Washington, DC, October 26, 2012.

"Women of Color Network: Providing Culturally Competent Assistance for Immigrant Survivors" webinar webcast to advocates and domestic violence program staff nationally. September 21, 2012.

"Proactive Strategies for Survivors in Light of Immigration Enforcement and DHS' New Policies" and "Taking Action: Women of Color Panel Discussing Ways that Aspiring White Allies Can Support Women of Color Working in the Violence Against Women Movement" - These presentations were for the 2012 National Call to Action Institute and Conference sponsored by the Women of Color Network. Minneapolis, Minnesota. July 10-11, 2012.

"Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence: What Advocates Need to Know" This webinar was presented for the Women of Color Network's HHS grant four separate times for advocates in four partner states Virginia, New Jersey, Vermont and Minnesota. July 2012.

"Providing Culturally Competent Services to Immigrant and Refugee Women" This webinar was presented for the Women of Color Network's HHS grant four separate times for advocates in four partner states Virginia, New Jersey, Vermont and Minnesota. July 2012.

"Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors in an Age of Immigration Enforcement" presentation with Jane Doe, Inc. Immigrant and Refugee Working Group Training. Worcester, Massachusetts. June 28, 2012.

"New Department of Homeland Security Policies and Immigrant Victims: From Secure Communities to the DHS Role in Victim Protection" presentation with Jane Doe, Inc. Immigrant and Refugee Working Group Training. Worcester, Massachusetts. June 28, 2012.

"The Crucial Role of Advocates Countering Bias: Making the Justice System Work for Immigrant Survivors" presentation at the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance Protection Order Conference. Richmond, Virginia, June 22, 2012.

"How the Legal System Works (or Doesn't) for Immigrant Survivors" presentation at the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance Protection Order Conference. Richmond, Virginia, June 22, 2012.

“The War on the Violence Against Women Act” at the War on Women Conference. Washington DC, June 19, 2012.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims” webcast and conference call training with the Women of Color Network. March 8, 2012.

“Issues, Rights, and Danger Assessment for Immigrant Intimate Partner Violence Survivors” presentation at the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, California, September 11, 2011.

“Mandated Reporting for Adult Abuse Victims of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence” presentation at the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, California, September 11, 2011.

“Domestic Violence in the Latino Community: Help Available for Victims” presentation at the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, California, September 10, 2012.

“Prevention of Detention and Deportation: Immigrant Victims' Legal Rights” presentation at the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, California, September 12, 2011.

“Research Policy and Practice to Help Crime Victims” presentation at the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, California, September 12, 2011.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence: What You Need to Know Today to Help Victims and Their Children” Presentation by Leslye Orloff for the Nevada Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 28, 2011

“Fighting Trafficking in Persons and Violence Against Women” presentation to the International Visitor Leadership Program, Washington D.C. July 18, 2011

“The Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence: What You Need to Know Today to Help Victims and Their Children” presentation at Raksha Conference, in conjunction with the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network. Atlanta, Georgia, June 9-10, 2011.

“Immigration Focus Group” with the Women of Color Network. Richmond, Virginia, May 6, 2011.

“Effect of Anti-Immigrant Legislation and Times on Immigrant Women and Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women” presentation at the New Racism: State of Hate in the United States conference at American University. Washington D.C. March 28, 2011.

“Immigrant Women Program’s Advocacy and Emerging Needs of Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women,” Presentation at the invitation only leadership team meeting of the Women of Color Network. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 14, 2010.

*“WOCN Expanding Leadership Opportunities within the Domestic Violence Field for Members of Underrepresented Groups Project”* Immigrant Women Program is an invited member of the National Leadership Coordinating team for this 5 year project funded by Department of Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Office. Participate in the first national gathering of state leadership and national leadership partners to plan implementation of this grant. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 12-15, 2010.

“Using the Law to Empower Victims” Plenary presentation at the state-wide Culture and Compassion Conference sponsored by the Muslim Alliance of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana October 28, 2010.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence” Victim advocate trainer for Women’s Shelter of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, October 15, 2010

“Policies & Practices that Enhance the Legal Rights of Immigrant Domestic Violence Victims” Training for advocates, police, social workers and attorneys sponsored by End Abuse, Long Beach, California, October 14, 2010.

“Immigrant Women Work and Family” Presentation for work-life advocates, women’s organizations, women’s workplace researchers, labor unions, and working-mom bloggers. Washington, D.C. June 23, 2010. LO

“Newspaper Article: Exercise on Immigrant Experience in U.S.” presented at “Multi-State Summit: Building State Capacity To Better Serve Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Trafficking, and Enhancing Skills in working with immigrant victims of Domestic and sexual Violence” This OVW sponsored summit was attended by state teams from Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire and Oklahoma, Savannah, Georgia, January 20, 2010.

“Immigrant Women Program Advocacy,” presentation at the Stacy Phillips Luncheon. Los Angeles, CA. July 16, 2008.

“Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Survivors.” IWP planned and presented two national conferences for OVW grantees. The first session was for advocates, attorneys and law enforcement officials with less than 3 years experience working with immigrant victims. The second session was designed for attendees who had been working with immigrant victims with more than 3 years experience. San Antonio, Texas. February 5-9, 2007.

“Emerging Issues for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Presentation for the National Domestic Violence Resource Network on innovative issues and challenges arising in work with immigrant victims. Washington, D.C., December 5, 2004.

“Developing Collaborations That Help Immigrant Victims Of Violence: Family Lawyers,” facilitated session at “Building Communities to Improve Services to Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, And Trafficking: OVW Grantee Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 2, 2004.

“Developing Collaborations with Other Professionals,” facilitated session at “Building Communities to Improve Services to Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, And Trafficking: OVW Grantee Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 2, 2004.

“Developing Collaborations the Help Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women.” IWP staff served together with Network advisory committee members and a national team of faculty to facilitate two workshops at the OVW funded “Building Communities To Improve Services To Immigrant Victims Of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, And Trafficking: OVW Grantee Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 1, 2004

“Reflections and Systems Change for Victims of Domestic Violence: Past Experiences, Present Realities and Future Goals,” participated as a panelist at plenary session discussing changes that have occurred over the past 20 years for immigrant victims. “9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence,” San Diego, California, September 21, 2004.

“Keynote Panel: How Do We Reach Our Goals for Domestic Violence Victims?” Participated with Carole Warshaw, Jacquelyn Campbell and Alice La Violette in a discussion of the goals and challenges for the next decade of work to help battered women and their children. “9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence,” San Diego, California, September 21, 2004.

“Changing How We Serve Immigrant Victims.” Moderated and presented at plenary session for the 9th Annual National Network Conference to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, November 7, 2003, Tucson, Arizona

“Who Said Embracing Diversity Would Be Easy? Reaching Common Ground.” Plenary presentation at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence Working Together to End Abuse, for the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, San Diego California, September 20, 2003.

“Stop Violence Against Women Together Women And Men.” Participated in Lifetime Television Sponsored experts’ consultation. Washington, D.C. September 10, 2003.

“Model – Holistic Approach” Plenary presentation at the “Midwest Regional Training: New Options for Immigrant Crime Survivors: An Interdisciplinary Training” planned by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women that the Immigrant Women Program co-directs. Chicago, Illinois, May 5, 2003.

“Focus Group on Materials for Rural Advocates,” to us in learning about the legal rights of immigrant victims living in rural communities held at the National Conference on Rural Domestic Violence planned by Praxis International, Duluth, Minnesota, and October 29, 2002

“OPENING PLENARY Play acted by: Lideres Campesinas, Mujer, MUNA, Mujeres,” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida, August 21, 2002.

“Impact of Domestic Violence on Immigrant Communities.” Provided a presentation on the dynamics of domestic violence and access to services for immigrant victims of domestic violence at “Working with Battered Women in the Criminal and Civil Courts: Strategies for Advocates” training planned by the Battered Women’s Justice Project. Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 17, 2002.

“The New Americans National Strategy Meeting.” Participated in meeting with the Television Race Initiative to develop strategies for using PBS upcoming special on immigrant families for training and policy advocacy. Washington, D.C. March 11, 2002.

“Violence Against Women Advocacy and Legal Rights Training.” Training for grassroots migrant farmworker advocates from Lideres Campesinas in Spanish covering battered immigrants legal rights in family law, immigration and benefits matters and systems reform advocacy. Coachella, California, February 9, 2002.

“Opening Plenary,” Planned, facilitated and presented at this plenary at the conference “Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Atlanta, Georgia. October 24, 2001.

“Accessing the System: Legal Rights and Barriers for Battered Immigrants,” facilitated and presented workshop at “Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Atlanta, Georgia. October 23, 2001

“Working with Underserved Populations of Battered Immigrants.” Served on the planning committee and participated in this training planned by the Violence Against Women Office of the Department of Justice for national domestic violence and sexual assault technical assistance providers. Washington, D. C. June 4-5, 2001.

“Domestic Violence and VAWA Training and Capacity Building for Community Based Mentors.” Participated in and served as faculty for this Lideres Campesinas training of community based mentors as part of a joint grant from the Ms Foundation. Held focus groups with Lideres Campesinas members to identify problems battered immigrants had accessing help from the legal and social services systems and to learn about community based approaches being used by Lideres Campesinas members to curb domestic violence in their communities. Arvin, California. June 1-3, 2001.

“Immigration and Cultural Considerations in Assisting Victims of Sexual and Physical Violence.” Training sponsored by the Office of Victims of Crime. Warren, Ohio. October 27, 2000.

“Multicultural Aspects of Family Violence.” Key note plenary panel presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence: Working Together to End Abuse.” San Diego, California, September 26, 2000.

“Family Violence in Rural Communities.” Chaired and facilitated workshop on access to services for battered women and battered immigrant women living in rural communities. Presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence: Working Together to End Abuse.” San Diego, California, September 25, 2000.

“Battered Immigrant Latinas: Legal and Policy Implications.” Workshop presenting survey data on battered immigrant women’s experience with domestic violence and barriers to accessing services. Workshop also provided an overview of battered immigrant women and children’s legal rights. Half-day workshop at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence: Working Together to End Abuse.” San Diego, California, September 24, 2000.

“Plenary: Your Role in Affecting Public Policy,” presented at “Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Seattle, Washington, August 12, 2000.

“Policy Advocacy For Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.” planned, co-presented and facilitates the policy advocacy trainings held at the “6<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Seattle, Washington. August 10-12, 2000.

“Can Legislation Protect Black Women from Violence? The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Hate Crimes and other Legislative Solutions.” Presented talk on the evolution of the protections for battered immigrant women in the Violence Against Women Act and the provisions designed to enhance access to services for women of color. Third National Conference on African American Women and the Law, Washington, D.C. May 19, 2000.

“Helping Battered Immigrants Access Culturally Sensitive Shelter and Services.” Training session presented at the Millennium Conference sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children and Families. Chicago, Illinois. August 30, 1999

“Access to Shelter and Culturally Competent Services,” Session at “Fifth National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Co-planned and co-led this national conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 3, 1999

“Legislative and Advocacy Priorities,” Session at “Fifth National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Co-planned and co-led this national conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 5, 1999

“Expanding Access to Services,” Opening plenary session at “Fifth National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Co-planned and co-led this national conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 3, 1999.

“Women Held Hostage: Immigration Law and Domestic Violence.” Presentation on legal relief available to battered immigrants, the legislative history of the VAWA’s immigration provisions and changes being sought in VAWA II at Conference on Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity: The Changing Face of America: Perspectives on Immigration. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. February 6, 1999.

“Providing Culturally Sensitive Services to Latinas and Battered Immigrants” Keynote speech and “Violence Against Women- Protection for Battered Immigrant Women” workshop presentation. At the Puerto Rican Congress Inc. conference, “Violencia Domestica en Nuestra Comunidad (Domestic Violence in our Community)”. Iselin, NJ. June 12, 1998.

“Power and Control: Tactics Used Against Immigrant Women.” Provided supplemental chart for training materials for the VAWA Staff of the State of South Carolina Attorney General’s Office. Columbia, South Carolina. January 15, 1998.

“Working With Battered Immigrant Women.” Keynote presentation at Multi-Cultural Perspectives in Domestic Violence Conference planned by the Berkshire Area Health Education Center also presented two workshops on the Violence Against Women Act’s Immigration Provisions for health professionals, social workers, police and prosecutors at this conference. Pittsfield, Massachusetts. October 31, 1997.

“Working Effectively Cross-Culturally and Access to Services for Battered Immigrants.” Keynote presentation at “Immigration Law and Battered Women Training” planned by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic

Violence. Also did presentations on the “Immigration Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act and Welfare Reform and Battered Immigrants.” Madison, Wisconsin. September 4, 1997.

“Working With Battered Immigrant Women With Cultural Sensitivity.” Keynote speech at state wide Legal Advocacy Conference coordinated by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Also presented two workshops on “The Violence Against Women Act’s Immigration Provisions and Welfare Access for Battered Immigrants.” Anchorage, Alaska. May 29-30, 1997.

“The Rights of Immigrant Battered Women and Children.” Presentation at the Migration Studies Seminar sponsored the Immigration and Refugee Services of America to train immigrant rights advocates and persons running governmental and non-governmental agencies working offering services to immigrant women and children. Washington, D.C. May 21, 1997.

“Provisions affecting immigrant battered women.” Presentation at the national “State Domestic Violence Coalition Conference: Understanding VAWA, Welfare Reform and Family Violence Prevention and Services Act” sponsored by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Arlington, Virginia. February 7, 1997.

“Assisting Battered Immigrant Women” plenary session presented at “Ending Domestic Violence: A Community’s Responsibility” a conference by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Melbourne, Florida. January 30 - 31, 1997.

“Crime Victim Compensation Program” sponsored by D.C. Superior Court. Presented “Domestic Abuse and Hispanic Population”. Washington, DC. December 4, 1996.

“There’s No Excuse For Domestic Violence” sponsored by Tundra Women’s Coalition. Presented “Legal Issues in Domestic Violence: Providing Assistance to Rural Women Obtaining Protection Orders”. Bethel, Alaska. October 28, 1996.

“No Place to Turn: Plight of Battered Women” sponsored by Long Beach Section of The National Council of Jewish Women. Long Beach, California. October 15, 1996

“Forming the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s Legislative Agenda.” Presented information about the status of welfare, immigration and legal services legislation that affects battered women and battered immigrant women at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference. Seventh National Conference. Charleston, South Carolina. August 5, 1996.

“Offering Culturally Sensitive Services to Battered Immigrant and Refugee Women.” Presentation at the Second Annual State-Wide Florida Governor’s Conference on Domestic Violence. This conference was attended by a broad range of justice system personnel, medical professionals, domestic violence advocates, attorneys, and government employees. Fort Lauderdale, Florida. October 10, 1995.

“Next Steps and Strategies for Domestic Violence Advocacy.” Plenary presentation at “Re-framing Domestic Violence: Moving from Private to Public Solutions.” Conference held by Simmons Institute for Leadership and Change, which brought together service providers, activists, and theorists to explore institutional approaches to empowering battered women. Boston, MA, May 4, 1995.

“Creating a Support Network for Battered Migrant Women.” Consulted in a daylong planning session, sponsored by the Migrant Clinicians Network, on developing an interdisciplinary approach in assisting migrant women who are abused. Albuquerque, NM. April 21, 1995.

“Societal and Multi-Cultural Issues and Family Violence.” Plenary speaker at the National Conference on Family Violence: Health and Justice sponsored by the American Medical Association. Presented on panel presentation along with the head of the Centers for Disease Control and the Immediate Past President of the American Public Health Association on how domestic violence affects diverse communities and how we can assist victims that is

culturally sensitive. Served at the request of the AMA on the planning committee for this conference. Washington, D.C. March 12, 1994.

"First National Family Violence Conference - Spousal abuse: Issues, Information, Direction." Served on the Steering Committee of experts consulted with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in planning this conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 29-30, 1993.

"Victories for Battered Women and the Agenda for Legislative Changes to Assist Battered Women in the Future," Speech presented at the Candlelight Vigil - To Commemorate the Survivors and Victims of Domestic Violence sponsored by the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Washington, D.C. October 4, 1993.

"Hispanic Heritage Week - A Celebration." Spoke on the demographics of the Hispanic Community, the need for cultural competency, difficulties in accessing the legal system and the challenges facing Ayuda's clients due to their immigration status. Sponsored by the Social Service Hispanic Task Force, D.C. Superior Court, Probation, Washington, D.C. September 28, 1993.

"Domestic Violence in the Latino Community." Presented at "Meeting the Challenge of Dialogue in a Multicultural Society." A conference sponsored by the National Multicultural Institute. Washington, D.C. May 24, 1993.

"Domestic Violence and Immigrant and Refugee Women" Workshop for domestic violence advocates. Presented at yearly statewide training for legal advocates held by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. State College, Pennsylvania. May 3, 1993.

"Abused Elders or Older Battered Women? ... A Forum" Panel Participant, Women's Initiative, American Association of Retired Persons. Washington, D.C., October 29-30, 1992.

"Domestic Violence." Lecture in Series of Programs on Timely Issues, American Association of Retired Persons' Women's Initiative. Washington, D.C., October 6, 1992

"Special Needs of Immigrant and Refugee Battered Women Seeking Assistance from the Courts." Presentation on the "Domestic Violence Panel" at National Symposium "Discovering Our Connections: Race and Gender in Theory and Practice of the Law." Journal of Gender and the Law, American University Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. September 12, 1992.

"Service Needs of Immigrant and Refugee Battered Women." Presented at Delivery of Services Panel at "Violence Against Women - Forging a Legal Response: An Issues Forum" held by NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. New York, New York, October 23, 1992.

"Addressing the Legal Services Needs of Latino Immigrants and Refugees." University of California at Davis, School of Law. Davis, California, March 12, 1992.

"Violence in Latino Families." Presentation on "Violence in the Home" panel at Conference sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Prince George's County "Growing Up in a Violent World -- Helping Our Kids Cope." Largo, Maryland, November 5, 1991.

"Multi-cultural Approach to Handling Domestic Violence Cases." Panel presentation at State of Virginia Conference on Law Enforcement." Charlottesville, Virginia, November, 1991.

"Keynote Address -- Arlington Walk for Women' Safety." Arlington, Virginia, October 20, 1991.

"Gender and Race Bias in the Courts -- Recommendations for Attorney's Working with Immigrant and Refugee Clients." Lecture at D.C. Law School. Washington, D.C., October 18, 1991.



"Violence Against Women" Training for D.C. area Spanish-speaking social workers coordinated by the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs. Washington, D.C., January, 1990.

"Diverse Approaches to Ending Violence in the Lives of Immigrant and Refugee Women -- Service Provision and Community Education." Panel presented twice at Dreams Lost, Dreams Found Women Organizing For Justice -- A National Conference on Immigrant and Refugee Women. Berkeley, CA, October 5-6, 1991.

"Domestic Violence Training for Social Workers." Family Place. Washington, D.C., August 16, 1991.

"Legal Outreach Efforts to Elderly Latinos." Domestic Violence Training for social workers, community organizations and government agencies working with elderly Latinos. Washington, D.C., June 24, 1991.

"Cultural Dimensions of Abuse" and "Effective Violence Intervention Strategies for Health Workers." Presentations at Violence Against Women Conference a training for Health Care Professionals, Sponsored by the National Women's Health Resource Center, Columbia Hospital for Women. Washington, D.C. June 21, 1991.

"Serving Immigrant and Refugee Battered Women." Meeting Latino Community Needs Conference, University of California at Davis, School of Law. Davis, California, November, 1990.

"Practicing Law in the Latino Community." Panel presentation "Latino Law Students: First Year and Beyond" Presentation for participants in the Mentor Program for Latino Law Students. Washington, D.C., September 12, 1990.

"Legal Protections for Battered Women." Public education program presented to "First Friend's Program for Pregnant Teenage Latinas" Family Place. Washington, D.C., January 12, 1989.

Representing Latino Women and Children in Domestic Violence Cases." Presentation to Movimiento Legal Latino and Women's Law Association, George Washington, University Law School. Washington, D.C., March 11, 1987.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

"Safety and Protection: Focus on Immigrant Crime Victims" This session was presented to the Georgia Legal Assistance Network On-Site Technical Assistance and Training Program on Holistic Legal Services. This session will discuss best practices for working with immigrant victims and how filing a victim's immigration case early promotes victim safety, access to justice system relief and economic security. Atlanta, Georgia (February 20, 2018)

"Expanding Legal Representation of Immigrant Survivors in Immigration and Family Law." NIWAP presented this workshop for LSC funded attorneys working with immigrant crime victims addressing immigration relief, public benefits and family law best practices in working with immigrant survivors. (Akron, OH) (March 30-31, 2016)

"And Legal Services for All: New 2014 Legal Services Corporation Regulations Implementing VAWA 2005's Immigrant Crime Survivors' Access to Legal Services," Presented a webinar for service providers, advocates and attorneys that work with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes. Washington, D.C. November 3, 2014.

"Access to Legal Representation From Legal Services Corporation Funded Programs" Presentation to the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation on the difficulties immigrant crime victims have despite VAWA 2005 legislation in accessing legal representation from LSC funded agencies. The results of a legal and social science project undertaken by an Immigrant Women Law and Policy student were presented. Washington, D.C. April 14, 2013.

"Enhancing Sustainable Legal Services for Victims of Abuse Project." Participated in planning meeting for this American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence Project. Washington, D.C. January 13, 2005.

“Model Holistic Approach” Panel presentation at Southern Regional Training for the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, Miami, Florida, May 16, 2004.

“Model Legal Programs For Attorneys And Advocates,” training workshop at the 8th Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida, August 23, 2002.

“Legal Options For Immigrant Victims,” Presented at the 2nd Annual National Training for VAWO grantees on immigrant victims’ legal rights. Miami, Florida. August 20, 2002.

“Teleconference Training of Civil Legal Assistance Providers on the Legal Rights of Battered Immigrant Women.” IWP staff worked with staff from the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence to develop web based training materials for this training. IWP staff served as faculty for this national training. Washington, D.C. May 23, 2001.

“Overview of Immigrant Women’s Legal Rights.” Training for family law attorneys at the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association National Conference, Berkeley, California. July 28, 2000.

“Why Law School Clinical Programs Should Provide Legal Representation To Battered Immigrants in VAWA Immigration Cases -- Unrepresented Battered Immigrants Are Very Often Unsuccessful and VAWA Cases Are Excellent For Teaching Students.” Presentation at Educating to End Domestic Violence Law School Conference organized by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence . Washington, D.C. September 18, 1999.

“Representing Battered Immigrant Women.” Panel presentation at the National Association for Public Interest Law Conference on assisting battered immigrant women with family and immigration law matters. Washington, D.C. October 1995.

“Domestic Violence Training.” Sponsored by the D.C. Bar Public Service Activities Corporation to provide pro bono training to prepare volunteer attorneys and paralegals to effectively handle a pro bono case in domestic violence. Washington, DC. October 7, 1994.

"Domestic Violence a Justice Response." Taught class focusing on assistance to battered immigrant women and federal and local legal system's approach to curbing domestic violence. American University course on Family Violence. Washington, D.C. March 19, 1994.

"Handbook on Accessing the Justice System for Women at Risk." Consulted and assisted the American Trial lawyers Association by providing substantive input and editing a handbook aimed at assisting battered women who turn to the court system for help, being developed by the American Trial Lawyers Association for distribution to and use by battered women in crisis. Follow-up to the End Violence Against Women Conference. Washington, D.C. November/December 1993.

"Domestic Violence Training." Coordinator, moderator and faculty member for Pro Bono Attorneys Representing Victims of Domestic Violence. District of Columbia Bar Association, Washington, D.C., October 18, 1993.

"Trainings for Volunteer Attorneys on Domestic Violence Cases." Trained over 100 volunteer attorneys from law firms to represent battered women in civil protection order cases at various trainings held at law firms between January 1988 and December 1992.

"Domestic Violence Training." Coordinator, moderator and faculty member for D.C. Bar Training for Pro Bono Attorneys Representing Victims of Domestic Violence. Washington, D.C., September 25, 1992

"Offering One-Stop Legal Services to Latina Battered Women." Lecture to Domestic Violence Clinical Class, Northeastern University School of Law. Boston, Massachusetts, February 4, 1992.

"Domestic Violence Training." Coordinator, moderator and faculty member for the D.C. Bar's first training for pro bono attorneys representing victims of domestic violence. Washington, D.C., December 13, 1991.

"Pro Bono Representation of Battered Women in the District Of Columbia" Training for Volunteer Lawyers, D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Crowell and Moring. Washington, D.C., June 11, 1991

"Clinica Legal Latina -- A Model for Legal Services Delivery." Panel Presentation "Public Interest Profile: Legal Services" The 5th Annual National Association for Public Interest Law Conference, Students Making a Difference. Washington, D.C., October 27, 1989.

"Delivering Legal Services to the Latino Community." Panel Presentation "Legal Services Nationwide" Public Interest and Public Service Legal Career Symposium, New York University Law School. New York City, February 26, 1987.

"Community-Based Lawyering and Advocacy" Presented workshop on the importance of lawyers not limiting their work to legal representation and collaborating with community based advocates when working with immigrant victims. Presented at the "Midwest Regional Training: New Options for Immigrant Crime Survivors: An Interdisciplinary Training" planned by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women that the Immigrant Women Program co-directs. Chicago, Illinois, May 6, 2003.

"Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: The Challenge for Rural Service Providers." Presentation at National Conference on Rural Domestic Violence planned by Praxis International. Duluth, Minnesota. October 29, 2002.

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST IMMIGRANT STUDENTS**

"Immigration Options and Trauma Informed Approach to Helping Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault" Presentation at a national webinar on trauma-informed advocacy for victims of sexual assault sponsored by Time's Up Legal Defense Fund for their national network of attorneys helping workplace sexual assault victims. Washington, D.C. (October 23, 2018).

"Helping Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Victims: Holding their Abusers Accountable." NIWAP presented this keynote address, a general overview of immigration relief and access to public benefits, to advocates and LSC funded attorneys at Youngstown State University. (Youngstown, OH) (March 31, 2016)

"Immigration and Public Benefits Protections for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault." Leslye Orloff taught a session at Professor Jessica Mindlin's Lewis and Clark law school sexual assault seminar. (March 28, 2016)

"Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus: When Foreign-born Victims Become Targets" at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 2016)

"Working With Non-Citizen Victims of Sexual Assault: Immigrant Healthcare Options and Other Considerations" statewide conference planned by New York Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYCASA) Albany, New York, May 25, 2011

"Violence Against Women Act: Current Protections and Future Possibilities for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence," taught by Leslye Orloff of Legal Momentum." This half day presentation developed for Peace Over Violence was webcast to domestic violence and sexual assault throughout California. The workshop highlighted engaging women's groups in comprehensive immigration reform and DREAM Act Advocacy, Los Angeles, California, October 13, 2010

"Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault" Workshop presentation together with ASISTA at National Sexual Assault Conference planned by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. September 1, 2010.

"Sexual Assault of Immigrant Women in the Workplace" Roundtable held by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, Washington, D.C. June 28-20, 2010.

“Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Development of a New Approach to Remedies For Victims” was the focus of contributions as an invited participant in a sexual assault leadership summit “CounterQuo: Challenging the Way we Respond to Sexual Violence,” Chicago, IL. October 16-17, 2008

“Enhancing Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Taught a class on immigration law at the University of Maryland School of Law. Baltimore, MD. March 1, 2008

“Representing Non-Citizen Victims of Sexual Assault: Immigrant and Other Victim Considerations.” Presented at the Victim Rights Law Center National Sexual Assault Law Institute. New Orleans, Louisiana. February 12-14, 2008

“Legal Options for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault.” Presented workshop at National Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 27, 2005

“Enhancing Protections for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: History of Successful Advocacy on Behalf of Immigrant Victims.” Taught class at George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C, March 1, 2005

Opening Plenary at the OVW-funded training, Building Communities to Improve Services to Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Trafficking, at the OVW funded “Building Communities To Improve Services To Immigrant Victims Of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, And Trafficking: OVW Grantee Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 1, 2004

“Legal Options for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault,” workshop presentation at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for LAV grantees planned by the Victim Rights Law Center. “Sexual Assault Legal Institute, Palm Springs, California, November 4, 2004

“Helping Immigrant Victims on Campus.” Presented a teleconference to Campus grantees on the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault experienced by immigrant victims on college campuses and the immigration options available to help immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Sacramento, California, March 30, 2004

Presented two workshops “Working With International Victims of Violence – Part I: Immigration Issues” and “Part II: Protection Orders, Access to Domestic Violence Service and Public Benefits” at national conference for VAWO Campus grantees sponsored by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA). These workshops focused on immigration, benefits and family court options for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Boston, Massachusetts. June 27-28, 2001

“First National Teleconference for CAMPUS Grantees on Immigrant Crime Victim’s Legal Rights.” Planned, developed materials, and served as faculty for this nationwide training for battered women’s and sexual assault victim advocates working on college campuses. Sacramento, California. May 29, 2001

## **RURAL COMMUNITIES**

“Opening Plenary- Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Survivors in Rural Communities” by Olga Trujillo and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: “Community Of Responders: A Holistic Approach To Immigrant Survivors Of Abuse” New Orleans, Louisiana (July 29, 2015)

“Rural TA Grantees Webinar” Presented on the OVW-funded TA that is available to OVW rural grantees and how NIWAP can work with rural grantees in their efforts to provide services to immigrant crime victims in their jurisdictions in a more effective manner. Washington, D.C. February 17, 2015.

“U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Rural Technical Assistance Provider Meeting,” two-day meeting with OVW Rural TA providers to learn about TA providers and areas of expertise, discuss challenges in providing TA to OVW Rural grantees, and strategize on how to effectively work collaboratively to provide TA. Washington, D.C. November 13-14, 2014.

### **PUBLIC INTEREST LAW AND GOVERNMENT LEGAL CAREERS**

“Careers in Immigration Law: Practice and Policy” NIWAP hosted an event at American University Washington College of Law with speakers from the Tahirih Justice Center, The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Office of Policy and Strategy and a former Counsel for Senator Ted Kennedy who is a principal at the Raben Group. Washington, D.C. (October 13, 2016)

“Legislative & Administrative Advocacy Career Panel & Seminar Info Session.” This panel presentation, hosted by NIWAP Inc, offered students an opportunity to learn about career paths in government service, public interest law, and advocacy. American University, Washington College of Law. (October 27, 2015)

“Gender and Immigration Law Career Panel.” Leslye Orloff participated as a panelist in a discussion with law students discussing NIWAP’s program, seminar, opportunities for law students at NIWAP, and legal career paths in public interest working with women and immigrant women. American University, Washington College of Law. (October 14, 2015)

“WILP Career Panel on Practicing Immigration Law.” This panel was presented by the Washington College of Law as part of the Gender and the Practice of Law Series. Washington, DC. November 6, 2014.

“Gender & Immigration Policy: NIWAP Info Session,” Presented an information session and lecture for students at Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. September 4, 2014.

“Washington College of Law Public Interest Career Panel” Discussed public interest legal careers working on behalf of immigrants and immigrant crime victims. Washington, D.C. October 9, 2012.

“Wasserstein Fellows’ Reunion: Harvard Public Interest Law Celebration.” Participated in an invitation-only conference at Harvard Law School on public interest legal practice for Harvard University Alumni and Wasserstein Fellowship Recipients. Cambridge, Massachusetts. March 13-15, 2008.

“IWP’s Internship Program and the Range of Experiences Interns Receive.” Presentation at meeting with representatives from the Helena Rubinstein Foundation, New York, NY. July 23, 2008.

“Immigrant Women Program’s Policy Advocacy Work in Washington, D.C.” Presentation to NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund’s Board of Legal Advisors, New York, New York. May 13, 2003.

“World of Law: Public Interest Careers.” Participated as lead presenter at opening panel on career options for law students considering pursuing a public interest legal career. Awarded a Wasserstein Fellowship, Leslye Orloff also met with Harvard Law School Students and Faculty and provided consultations regarding public interest legal careers. Cambridge, Massachusetts. September 23, 2002.

“Visiting Wasserstein Public Interest Fellowship.” Day of consultations with Harvard Law Students interested in pursuing public interest legal careers. Cambridge, Massachusetts. September 23, 2002.

“Public Interest/Legal Services Practice and Advocacy on Behalf of Immigrants and Refugees.” Public Interest Week Lecture Series, Vermont Law School. South Royalton, Vermont, September 3, 1992.

“The Importance and Rewards of Pursuing a Public Interest Legal Career.” Keynote Speech, Public Interest Law Week, Sponsored by the Public Interest Law Foundation, Southwestern University School of Law. Los Angeles, California, March 5, 1992.

"Innovators in the Field: Starting a Public Interest Law Practice." Panel Presentation, The 6th Annual "Domestic Violence and the role of the Judiciary." Training for the National Association of Women Judges, District 4. Washington, D.C. May 22, 1991.

National Association for Public Interest Law Conference, Looking Forward to a Decade of Social Change. Washington, D.C. October 21, 1990.

"Creating a Public Interest Law/Legal Services Program." Panel Presentation "Getting Started;" and "Litigation and Advocacy on Behalf of Latina Battered Women" Panel Presentation "Women's Rights," 4th Annual Southern California Public Interest Career Day, UCLA Law School. Los Angeles, California February 11, 1989.

"Starting Your Career" 3rd Annual Southern California Public Interest Career Day, UCLA School of Law. Los Angeles, California, March 12, 1988.

"Pursuing a Public Interest Human Rights or Women's Rights Legal Career." Participated in a counseling session planned by Claudio Grossman Dean of Washington College of Law at American University. Washington, D.C. March 20, 1997.

"Pursuing a Public Interest Legal Career Serving the Latino Community--Creative Approaches," Discussion coordinated by the Public Interest Law Union at Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, November 16, 1993.

"Advocating for Changes on Capitol Hill for Battered Women and Creating Your Own Public Interest Law Job." Presentation to the Public Interest Law Group a group of recent law graduates working in the Washington, D.C. area. Washington, D.C. June 16, 1994.

"Starting a Non-Governmental Organization to Serve Battered Women and Reforming Local and National Laws on Behalf of Battered Women." Presentation to a group of women Croatian Legislators, Judges, Journalists, Politicians and Activists sponsored by the Croatian Democracy Project. Washington, D.C. July 11, 1995.

"Working as a Woman Lawyer Activist on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women." Luncheon speaker for Women's Luncheon at the 1997 National Lawyers Guild Conference. Washington, D.C. October 18, 1997.

**OVW STOP GRANT AND RURAL GRANT STATE ADMINISTRATORS, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT STATE GRANT ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER GRANTMAKERS**

"Voices from the Margins: Effective Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors" presented this workshop and participated as faculty in a day and a half 2018 National Institute for STOP State Grant Administrators and State and Territorial Coalition Directors. New Orleans, Louisiana (May 14-15, 2018)

"Enhancing Safety for Immigrant Survivors: Legal Rights to Immigration, Public Benefits and Family Law Protections" presented a national webinar for state STOP grant administrators sponsored by the Women of Color Network. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (September 27, 2017)

"Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services" Training for state STOP grant administrators responsible for distribution of federal domestic violence and sexual assault funding at the state level and State coalition directors on the role they can play in their state in assuring that victims from immigrant and underserved communities have access to victim services. San Francisco, CA, February 2, 2010

"Planning Meeting: Training For Immigration Lawyers on Overlap with Family Law Cases." Participated in OVW funded planning meeting for ASISTA. San Francisco, California. January 23, 2008

"OVW – LAV Grantee TA Training." Presented to the OVW-LAV grantees on IWP's technical assistance programs. Washington, D.C. December 13, 2007

“National Meeting of Office on Violence Against Women Technical Assistance Providers,” brought immigrant victim expertise, participated and served as discussion facilitator at national conference of technical assistance providers for the Office on Violence Against Women at the Department of Justice. Washington, D.C. August 22-23, 2007

“Legal Assistance for Victim Grantee Orientation.” Presented overview of issues that arise for cases of immigrant victims and technical assistance to all programs receiving new grant awards from the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice. Washington, D.C. December 12, 2006

“Legal Assistance for Victim’s Grants Program Technical Assistance Provider Meeting” OVW planned invitation only planning meeting. Orlando, Florida, October 23-24, 2006

“Understanding the Legal Realities for Battered Immigrant Women,” plenary at the “Understanding The Complex Realities And Enhancing Skills In Working With Immigrant Victims Of Domestic And Sexual Violence.” A Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees.” Miami, FL. June 13 and 16, 2006.

“Overview of Immigrant Victims Legal Rights for Arrest Grantees,” presented workshop for new Arrest Grantees of the Office on Violence Against Women planned by the Battered Women’s Justice Project, Arlington, Virginia. December 1, 2005

“Funding Programs That Effectively Serve Immigrant Victims.” Planned and presented workshop along with Donna Irwin, former STOP administrator for the state of Arizona at the biannual national conference for STOP grant administrators from all U.S. jurisdictions. Chicago, IL. September 12, 2005

“First STOP Grant and Rural Grant Administrators Training on Funding Programs that Effectively Serve Immigrant Victims.” Planned and served as faculty for STOP grant administrators training held in conjunction with the Northwest Regional Summit. Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 11-12, 2005

“Offering Legal Assistance to Immigrant Victims: An Overview,” Presented workshop at the annual OVW orientation meeting for Legal Assistance for Victims Grantees. Washington, D.C. December 6, 2004

“Improving Access to Domestic Violence Services and Effectiveness of Services for Immigrant Victims.” First training for State Family Violence Prevention and Services Act State grant administrators providing them an overview of how services to immigrant victims can be improved in their states. This session included a discussion of the types of supports and materials they would find useful to encourage the channeling of more funding into culturally competent services. Presentation at the annual State Administrators’ Grantee Conference planned by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Washington, D.C. October 20, 2004

“Raising Funds to Support Advocacy and Legal Representation of Immigrant Victims” Workshop presenter at the 9th Annual National Network Conference to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, Tucson, Arizona. November 7, 2003

“Funding Collaborative Work,” at Five-State Regional Summit: Building State Capacity to Better Service Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Regional summit which brought together state teams from Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota and led them through a process of planning how each state could work together and involve others in improving services to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in their states. St. Paul, Minnesota. July 30, 2003

“Building You Program: Fundraising.” Plenary presentation at the “Midwest Regional Training: New Options for Immigrant Crime Survivors: An Interdisciplinary Training” planned by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women that the Immigrant Women Program co-directs. Chicago, Illinois, May 5, 2003  
“Getting Your Research Funded,” training workshop at the 8th Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida, August 23, 2002.

“What Funding Sources Can Programs Serving Battered Immigrants Access?” Facilitated and presented workshop at “Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Atlanta, Georgia. October 23, 2001

“Meeting of the Advisory Board for the Project Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Violence Against Women Office’s Civil Legal Assistance Grants. Alexandria, Virginia. February 20, 2001

“Creative Community Based Strategies for Providing Services to Battered Immigrant Women.” Moderated workshop presentation by Tapestri Collaborative from Atlanta Georgia for the Strengthening Immigrant Families and American Communities: Strategies for the New Century conference planned by Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees. Miami, Florida. June 9, 2000

“Public Interest Law Foundations -- Their Importance for the Future of Public Interest Law” Commencement Address. U.C.L.A. School of Law. Los Angeles, California. May 1982

### **IMMIGRATION OPTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT VICTIMS, IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND IMMIGRANT CHILDREN**

Webinar – “New USCIS HART Center: Job Opportunities for Applicants with Expertise Serving Immigrant Crime Victims, Refugees and Asylees.” National webinar hosted by NIWAP with faculty from USCIS announcing the opening of the HART Service Center and the job announcements for 330 adjudicator positions to be hired. Washington, D.C. (April 17, 2023)

“U/T/Immigration Workgroup,” City of Minneapolis Minnesota met with twin cities workgroup regarding bringing training to law enforcement and prosecution agencies in Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota (April 13, 2023)

The Violence Against Women Act, Gender and Immigration Panel presented to the Women and the Law Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. (February 22, 2023)

“Technical Assistance Clinic,” Presented to the STOP Technical Assistance to Administrators Resource Project describing the full range of topics that NIWAP can assist with including immigration, family law, public benefits, language access, working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts, and best practices for professionals working with immigrant survivors. Chicago, IL (December 12, 2022)

“LAV Grantee Orientation: Legal Options for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence: How NIWAP’s and ASISTA’s Technical Assistance Can Support Your Work LAV Grantee Orientation.” Presented to OVW grantees describing the full range of topics that NIWAP can assist with including immigration, family law, public benefits, language access, working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts, and best practices for professionals working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (December 8, 2022)

“Understanding Helpfulness Part 1 & Recording: Understanding Helpfulness Part 2.” Recorded national webinar on the U-Visa. Reno, NV (June 23, 2022)

Understanding Helpfulness for the U Visa Certification and the Ongoing Assistance Requirement, Webinar co-sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), National Judicial Network and the State Justice Institute (SJI). Reno, Nevada (April 13, 2022)

“Battered Spouse Waiver: Immigration Relief Available for Abused Immigrant Spouses of U.S. Citizens,” Community of practice convening for family law attorneys. This session was a follow-up to NIWAP’s webinar on battered spouse waivers. Reno, Nevada (November 30, 2021)

“Battered Spouse Waiver: Immigration Relief Available for Abused Immigrant Spouses of U.S. Citizens,” National webinar. Reno, Nevada (November 18, 2021)



“Office Hours Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors,” Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC) Portland, OR (August 30, 2021)

“Serving Immigrant Survivor of Sexual Assault.” Training presented in partnership with Victim Rights Law Center on survivor-centered approach and immigrant reliefs available for victims of sexual assault. Portland, OR (August 26, 2021)

Trauma Informed Training for VAWA Unit Vermont Service Center VAWA Self-Petition and U Visa Adjudicators. Training for Vermont Service Center Adjudicators to understand the dynamics of victimization and trauma in different contexts. Vermont (July 29, 2021).

Political Possibility: Advocacy to That Resulted in Passage of the Violence Against Women Act’s Immigration Protections, Michigan State University College of Law Domestic Violence Class, East Lansing, Michigan. (April 7, 2021)

Violence Against Women Act and Lawyering Through Provision of Training and Technical Assistance, taught law school class at University of Virginia Law School. Charlottesville, Virginia (February 18, 2021)

Discussion on Immigration Remedy Screening and Updates in Immigration Policy, for NIWAP’s national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (February 23, 2021)

“Refugees and Migrants: Remedies for Immigrant Victims in the U.S. During the COVID-19 Pandemic” presentation at International Virtual Summit: Domestic and Family Violence in the COVID-19 Era hosted by the United Nations Working Group on COVID -10 and Domestic/Family Violence. New York, New York (November 19, 2020)

“Immigrant and Refugee Services Roundtable: Questions and Answers on Immigrant Survivors Legal Rights and Options “Sponsored by the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Jefferson City, Missouri (October 9, 2020)

“Political Possibility: Advocacy to That Resulted in Passage of the Violence Against Women Act’s Immigration Protections” presentation at the PIPS Faculty Roundtable, Washington College of Law, American University (October 8, 2020)

“Best Practices for Screening and Serving Immigrant Victims of Crime: A Webinar for Victim Advocates” Training for victim advocates in Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary’s Counties in Maryland on immigrant victims legal rights and options under immigration, public benefit, and VAWA confidentiality laws. Hollywood, Maryland (July 30, 2020)

“Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault: Question and Answer Opportunity” Participated as expert faculty for a technical assistance live learning session Share and Learn hosted by the Victim Rights Law Center attended by legal services attorneys and victim advocates nationally. Portland, Oregon (July 8, 2020)

“Discussion with CAST on Human Trafficking and the Intersection With Domestic Violence” Community of practice virtual learning session on trafficking in the United States and legal remedies with the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), an organization that assists persons trafficked and works towards ending all instances of human rights violations. Reno, Nevada (May 19, 2020)

“Auto-Petición VAWA: Protección para inmigrantes sobrevivientes de maltrato por parte de sus familiares que son ciudadanos o residentes permanentes” Webinar in Spanish sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) that provides attorneys, advocates, and courts with information on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition as well as discusses the requirements, how to screen for eligibility, and the importance of identifying eligible victims in family court. Reno, Nevada (May 7, 2020)

“VAWA Self-Petition: Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Abuse by Abusive Spouses and Parent” Webinar sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) that provides attorneys, advocates, and courts with information on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition as well as discusses the requirements, how to screen for eligibility, and the importance of identifying eligible victims in family court. Webinar training advertised in NIWAP’s newsletter. Reno, Nevada (April 22, 2020)

“Helping Victims of Human Trafficking Courts Encounter in Family Court and Protection Order Proceedings” Community of practice virtual learning session on different examples of human trafficking and how family law attorneys can best communicate with judges hearing family court cases when they represent victims of human trafficking in family court. Reno, Nevada (April 21, 2020)

“Access to Justice for Immigrant Women Victims of Violent Crime in the U.S. at a Time of Increased Immigration Enforcement: Results from National Surveys” Social science research presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California (November 13, 2019)

“Help for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Human Trafficking” Presentation as one of the Violence Against Women Act original drafters at the 25th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act. Panel sponsored by the Yale Alumni Non-Profit Alliance in Washington, D.C. (November 6, 2019)

“National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project” Information Session for American University Washington College of Law’s Public Interest Information Session (October 21, 2019)

“Training and Meeting on Best Practices, Legal Rights, and Protections for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Crime Victims” Training for victim advocates, health care professionals and state government agency staff who work with immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and child abuse. Kensington, Maryland (September 27, 2019)

“Violence Against Women Act Immigration Protections for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Human Trafficking, Stalking, and Child/Elder Abuse” workshop presented at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference sponsored by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

“Legal Protections and Help for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Their Children: The Central Role of Advocates and Attorneys” at the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault’s annual conference in Columbia, Missouri (July 15-16, 2019)

“Gender, Work and Immigration Status: Immigration Relief for Labor-Based Crimes and Human Trafficking” presentation at the 3rd Annual Modern-Day American Worker Conference: Over, Under, Through: Women Rising for Justice at Work sponsored by the Legal Aid Foundation of Chicago (May 11, 2018)

“One Justice and NIWAP On Line Training Course on the U Visa” Developed on-line training modules on topics related to preparing U visa applications for an on line learning training courts for pro bono and legal services attorneys and victim advocates working with U visa eligible victims. Los Angeles, CA (February 3, 2018 Training Curricula and April 17, 2018 Recording)

- Introduction to the U visa
- U Visa Requirements
- The U Visa: How to Show Eligibility
- The U Visa: The Application
- Screening for Inadmissibility Factors
- Overview of U Visa Certification
- Nuts and Bolts of the U Visa Certification Form
- Obtaining Certification From a Range of Certifiers

“Serving Victims of Special Populations” Breakout panel presentation at the 2019 Maryland Crime Victims’ Rights conference planned by the Governor’s Office on Crime Control and Prevention. College Park, Maryland (April 11, 2019)

“Leadership Matters Roundtable discussing family separation, immigration relief for victims and children and protections from deportation” for the Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance Denver, Colorado (Jun 28, 2018).

“One Justice and NIWAP On Line Training Course on VAWA- Self Petitioning” This on line training course is a series of 6 training modules to train pro bono attorneys, legal services attorneys, and victim advocates to prepare and submit VAWA self-petition cases on behalf of battered immigrant spouses and children. Los Angeles, CA (January 3, 2018) The training modules cover:

- Documents for VAWA Self-Petition
- Nuts and Bolts of Pre-Screening
- Self-Petition Requirements
- VAWA Confidentiality
- Trauma Informed Approach
- Nuts and Bolts of Forms and Submission Package

“Legal Rights, Immigration Protections and Opportunities: Immigrant Women, Children and Crime Victims” Presented a webinar for KFLA community of practice group focused on identifying victims and helping them access legal services and programs. Denver, CO. (June 13, 2017)

“Advocate and Attorney Training for VAWA and U Visa Cases” Co-presented a California Legal Access Project webinar in collaboration with the Law Firms of Crowell and Moring and Morgan Lewis and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault to offer legal representation to farmworker and rural immigrant survivors of sexual and domestic violence in U and VAWA self-petitioning cases through a new remote lawyering process. Sacramento, California. (March 17, 2017)

“Humanitarian Hot Topics: VAWA Unit, U Visa Backlog, Deferred Action for U Visa Victims” Presentation with DHS Officials at USCIS Ombudsman Annual Conference in Washington, DC (December 6, 2016).

“Introduction to VAWA Self-Petitioning and Case Discussion on U Visa Certification from Judges” Hosted the fourteenth community of practice conference call to discuss VAWA history and purpose, eligibility requirements for VAWA self-petitioning, highlights of key adjudication elements, and a case discussion on U visa certification. Washington, D.C. (July 19, 2016)

“Immigration Basics for Attorneys New to Practicing Immigration Law.” This national webinar was presented in collaboration with The Victim Rights Law Center for Legal Assistance for Victims grantees. (April 14, 2016)

“Current Issues in the Field that are Impacting Vulnerable Immigrant Women and Children and Ombudsman’s Role.” Call with Emily Creighton, USCIS Ombudsman Office. (Washington, DC) (March 21, 2016)

“Hon. Connie Morella My Political and Personal Journey In Heals” NIWAP sponsored event at American University, Washington College of Law (February 8, 2016)

“Political Possibility: Advocacy to That Resulted in Passage of the Violence Against Women Act’s Immigration Protections” guest lecturer for Congresswoman Connie Morella’s undergraduate course at American University Government 282. Washington, D.C. February 7, 2016.

“Panel on Mechanisms Addressing Violence Against Women in the U.S.” Presented at a Founders Day event sponsored by the Immigrants’ Rights Coalition and Amnesty International at the Washington College of Law. March 16, 2015.

“History and Goals of VAWA’s Immigration Protections for Victims of Gender Based Violence” Presentation for the Immigrant Justice Clinic class at the Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. February 5, 2015.

“Bipartisanship and VAWA.” Presented at a lunchtime seminar for students on policy reform, insider views of bipartisanship, and the history of the Violence Against Women Act. Washington, D.C. October 29, 2014.

“Congressional Briefing: VAWA and Immigrant Victims” presented at “Violence Against Women Act Protections for LGBTQ, Ethnic Minority, Native American and Immigrant Women.” an event sponsored by The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Leslye Orloff was invited by SPSSI and John Conyers Office to join social science researchers in presenting research data supporting the immigration protections contained in the Violence Against Women Act passed by the Senate in 2013. Washington, D.C. February 11, 2013.

“The Law, Policy and Politics of Protecting Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence” This plenary presentation was sponsored by Dickinson Law School, Pennsylvania State University; Center for Immigrant Rights and the Centre Country Women’s Resource Center and was attended by 60 attorney, advocates, students, professors and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security. State College, Pennsylvania. September 7, 2012.

“The War on Violence Against Women” Presentation at The War on Women Action Conference planned by the National Organization for Women. Washington, D.C. June 2012.

“Advocacy Strategies Leading to VAWA Immigration Relief” presentation at the International Shelter Conference. Washington, DC, February 28, 2012.

“VAWA Immigration History” presentation at the International Shelter Conference. Washington, DC, February 28, 2012.

“The Violence Against Women Act’s Immigration Protections: History, Policy and the Future” presentation at Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, Tennessee, February 22, 2011.

“Immigration Relief for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Victims” Workshop at the annual conference of the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. Sioux Falls, South Dakota, December 1, 2010

“Using the Law to Empower Victims” Plenary presentation at the state-wide Culture and Compassion Conference sponsored by the Muslim Alliance of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana October 28, 2010.

“Freedom from Fear: Helping Undocumented Victim of Domestic Violence” Plenary presentation at conference planned by the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles covering the domestic violence and sexual assault dynamics and immigration options for immigrant victims. Los Angeles, California October 11, 2010.

“Immigration Relief and Cooperation on Trafficking Cases” (Department of Justice National Conference on Human Trafficking, Washington, D.C. May 3, 2010)

“Emerging Issues for Immigrant Women” presentation at Preserving the Past, Celebrating the Future conference convened by the Modern American Journal, American University, Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. October 29, 2009

“History of Successful Lobbying on Behalf of Immigrant Victims” Presentation at The VAWA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium convened by the Georgetown Journal on Gender and the Law. Washington, D.C. April 22, 2009

“Violence Against Women Act: Help, Legal Status and Services,” at the NCLR Conference. San Diego, CA. July 14-15, 2008.

“Immigration Relief for Crime Victims” presentation at “National Center for Crime Victims Annual Conference” National Center for Crime Victims, Portland, OR, June 2, 2008.

Third national training for non-lawyer advocates on Board of Immigration Appeals agency recognition and advocate accreditation preparing advocates to receive permission to represent immigrant victims in immigration cases. San Antonio, Texas. February 5-9, 2007.

First and Second National Trainings for Non-Lawyer Advocates Seeking Board of Immigration Appeals Accreditation Training. Developed and presented curriculum together with Catholic Legal Immigration Network for victim advocates to help them gain accreditation to represent immigrant victims' cases before the Department of Homeland Security. , St. Louis, MO. November 7-9, 2006.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault after VAWA 2005,” training for court personnel, social workers, therapists, military, advocates and attorneys at 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Violence Abuse and Trauma. San Diego, CA, September 16, 2006.

“Update: VAWA 2005 and Battered Immigrant Women.” Presented workshop to Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Grant Administrators on funding effective program services for immigrant victims of domestic violence. At the FVPSA State Grant Administrators Meeting sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services., St. Louis, Missouri, July 26, 2006.

“Role of Advocates in Preparing VAWA Self-Petitions” Workshop presented at “Organizing for Collective Power” National conference of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Atlanta, Georgia, July 10, 2006.

“VAWA Immigration: A case study on legislative advocacy and lobbying – a practical guide,” National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Conference, Irvine, CA, November 9-11, 2005.

“VAWA Legislative Update Plenary,” National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Conference, presentation on immigration provisions in VAWA III, Irvine, California. November 9-11, 2005.

Immigrant Victims,” planned and coordinated workshop panel presentation at invitation only, conference “Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future: A Symposium Commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act,” sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. Washington, D.C. September 14, 2004.

“Examining the Impact of VAWA: Domestic Violence and Stalking in an Urban Area,” discussed the difference VAWA has made in the lives of immigrant battered women and immigrant victims of sexual assault and trafficking including future challenges at panel presentation that was part of an invitation only, conference “Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future: A Symposium Commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act,” sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. Washington, D.C. September 13, 2004.

“Immigration Relief for Battered Immigrants.” workshop presented at the “Immigrant/Coordinated Community Response Team Summit: Cross-Discipline Response to Immigrant Victims,” a statewide summit planned by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, September 8, 2004.

“Securing Legislation That Helps Immigrant Victims: Next Steps,” workshop discussing how community based groups can assist in advocacy efforts to expand access to benefits and legal services for immigrant victims. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) Annual Conference. Denver, CO. July 13, 2004.

“Immigration Relief and Immigrant Access to Services.” Presentation at training for family lawyers, supervised visitation center staff and advocates at the “Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institute planned by the Muskie Institute for Office on Violence Against Women grantees. Baltimore, Maryland, May 3, 2004.

“Learning From the Past, Shaping the Future: A Symposium Honoring the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act.” Served on the planning subcommittee on Immigration, Trafficking and Gender Asylum for this invitation only conference. San Francisco, California. February 9-10, 2004.

“Learning From the Past, Shaping the Future: A Symposium Honoring the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act.” Served on the planning subcommittee on Immigration, Trafficking and Gender Asylum for this invitation only conference. Planning meeting held December 2-3, 2003, Washington, D.C.

“Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Update.” Co-presented training for advocates on legislative advocacy to benefit immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. 9th Annual National Network Conference to End Violence Against Immigrant Women. Tucson, Arizona. November 6, 2003,

“Practice Strategies, Case Planning, Immigration Issues Overview.” Facilitated immigrant issues discussion in seven workshops for all conference participants at the “Raising the Standard of Practice: Justice in Civil Courts for Domestic Violence Victims Conference” planned by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. Colorado Springs, Colorado. April 2, 2003.

“Tribute to Representative Connie Morella: In celebration of 16 years of leadership and service to the world’s women.” Spoke at event honoring Congresswoman Connie Morella on the work that she did over the course of her career to help immigrant victims of domestic violence. Washington, D.C. February 26, 2003.

“Grassroots Democracy.” Presentation on the advocacy efforts that led to the passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and 2000 to a group of international visitors from 22 countries working in government and non-profit and media organizations planned by the Phelps Stokes Fund. Washington, D.C. June 24, 2002.

Immigration Options for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: The Violence Against Women Act of 2000.” Presented a workshop to law enforcement offices and battered women’s advocates focusing on access to victim’s services and legal immigration status for immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Charleston, South Carolina, April 17, 2002.

“Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: Obtaining Immigration Status, Using creative Protection Orders, and Accessing Public Benefits and Services.” Conducted the first statewide training for legal services attorneys, immigrant rights advocates, battered women’s advocates and law enforcement for the state of South Carolina on immigrant victim’s legal rights. Columbia, South Carolina. April 16, 2002.

“History of Successful Advocacy on Behalf of Immigrant Domestic Violence Victims.” Taught class at the University of Maryland Law School. Baltimore, Maryland. April 4, 2002.

“Evolution of Federal Protections for Battered Immigrants.” Lecture at Vanderbilt Law School on the Violence Against Women Act immigration provisions and other federal legislation affecting immigrant victims. Nashville, Tennessee. February 20, 2002.

“Access to Legal Immigration Status for Battered Immigrants.” Training on cultural competency issues and legal immigration options for VAWO rural grantees. National teleconference conducted in Spanish planned by Praxis International. St. Paul, Minnesota. June 29, 2001.

“Battered Immigrant Women.” Training on battered immigrant women’s legal rights including updates on new VAWA 2000 legislation sponsored by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. Powell, Ohio. October 26, 2000.

“VAWA Immigration Provisions Victory.” Provided overview of the immigration provisions that were included in the House and Senate passed versions of the Violence Against Women Act to a nationwide conference call planned by the National Immigration Forum. Washington, D.C. October 17, 2000.

“VAWO Technical assistance Planning Meeting: Addressing the Needs of Immigrant and Refugee Communities.” Participated with the VAWO Office of the Department of Justice in planning meeting discussing how VAWO funded technical assistance providers can coordinate to better reach those serving battered immigrants. Washington, D.C. October 2-3, 2000.

“Legislative Advocacy on Behalf of Battered Immigrants.” Presented and chaired keynote panel presentation on “A Policy Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Advocacy for Abused Children and Families on a State, National and International Level.” Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence: Working Together to End Abuse.” San Diego, California, September 26, 2000

“Preparing VAWA Self-Petitions: The Advocates Role.” Training for Lideres Campesinas State-wide Advocates on collection of evidence and preparation of personal statements of battered immigrant women for collaborative project with the National Council of Jewish Women. Lideres Campesinas advocates will collect information from qualified applicants and forward it to National Council of Jewish Women Lawyers who will prepare the case for presentation to INS. Pomona, California. September 21, 2000.

“Procedures for Filing Violence Against Women Act Self-Petitioning Cases.” Training for pro-bono attorneys with the National Council of Jewish Women who will be representing battered immigrant self-petitioners referred to them by Lideres Campesinas. Long Beach, California. September 23, 2000.

“Dynamics of Domestic Violence in Immigrant Families as it Effects VAWA Self-Petitioning.” Mandatory training for the entire team of VAWA self-petition adjudicators at the INS Service Center in Vermont. St. Albans, Vermont. September 11-13, 2000.

“Battered Spouses and the Violence Against Women Act.” Planned and co-presented 6 workshops at National Immigration Judges Conference. All U.S. immigration judges were required to attend these workshops on the Violence Against Women Act’s Protections for Battered Immigrants. Las Vegas, Nevada. June 26-28, 2000.

“Violence Against Women Act: How to Address the Needs of the Latino Community Through Legislation, Regulations and Allocation of Resources.” Panel presentation at National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence Conference. Washington, D.C. June 22, 2000.

“Immigration Institute.” Planned and served as faculty for full day training for attorneys and battered women’s advocates on VAWA’s immigration provisions, welfare access for battered immigrants and representation of battered immigrants in family and criminal court cases. Institute was part of the statewide annual conference of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Clearwater, Florida. May 17, 2000.

“Domestic Violence and Immigration Policies: Challenges Representing Non-Citizens.” Panel presentation at U.S. Immigration Policy at the Millennium: With Liberty and Justice for All? conference sponsored by The Criminal Justice Institute and Immigration and Refugee Clinic at Harvard Law School. Cambridge, Massachusetts. December 3, 1999.

“Assisting Battered Immigrant Using VAWA.” Training for battered women’s advocates and immigration and family law attorneys on the dynamics of domestic violence in immigrant families, VAWA’s immigration provisions and obtaining protection orders on behalf of battered immigrants. The training was planned by the Commission on Domestic Violence of the American Bar Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. June 18, 1999.

“Helping Battered Immigrant Women Through the Violence Against Women Act.” Served as faculty for a daylong training on VAWA immigration relief, benefits and obtaining protection orders on behalf of battered immigrants planned by the Minnesota Immigrant Law Center. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 2, 1999.

“Trends and Tactics on the Federal Front.” Presentation of battered immigrant’s legal rights and proposed federal legislation for improvements in VAWA II at Women, Children, and Domestic Violence Current Trends, Tensions and Emerging Issues. Planned by Continuing Legal Education Program at Fordham University School of Law. New York, New York. April 27, 1999.

“Assisting Battered Immigrants Using VAWA.” Planned and presented at two day state wide training organized by the Commission on Domestic Violence of the American Bar Association and the Maricopa County Bar Association. Phoenix, Arizona. April 14-15, 1999.

“Providing Legal Representation to Battered Immigrant Women Under the Violence Against Women Act.” Training for legal services lawyers, pro bono attorneys and law students at Drake Law School Legal Clinic. Des Moines, Iowa. March 26, 1999.

“Advocacy Role in Passage of the Violence Against Women Act Immigration Provisions.” Training for WREI Congressional Fellows. Washington, D.C. February 22, 1999

“Helping Battered Immigrant Women Through the Violence Against Women Act.” Statewide training on the Violence Against Women Act immigration provisions, assisting battered immigrant women in obtaining protection orders and public benefits access for battered immigrants planned by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Ayuda for battered women’s advocates and attorneys. Salem, Oregon, October 30, 1998.

“VAWA Training.” Planned and served as faculty for American bar Association training on VAWA’s immigration provisions for attorney and battered women’s advocates in South Florida. Miami, Florida. September 22, 1998.

“Immigration Protections for Battered Immigrant Women.” Taught immigration law seminar at Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts. October 22, 1997

“Violence Against Women Act II” led discussion on proposed improvements to the Violence Against Women Act that will benefit battered immigrant women and children at the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild annual membership meeting. Washington, D.C. October 16, 1997.

“Immigration and Welfare Reform and Battered Immigrants.” Presentation at “Gender, culture, and “National Identity: The Impact of Immigration and Welfare ‘Reform’ on Women in Immigrant Communities” symposium at Washington College of Law at American University. Washington. D.C. April 3, 1997.

“Domestic Violence -- Part II An Update on Current Laws.” Workshop on the Violence Against Women Act’s Immigration Provisions, Immigration Reform and Welfare Reform presented at “Semillas de Poder/Harvest of Power a conference of MAFO A National Partnership of Farmworker Organizations. San Antonio, Texas. March 2-7, 1997.

VAWA, Welfare Reform and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act” sponsored by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Conducted Arlington, Virginia. February 8, 1997.

“Second D.C. Area Violence Against Women Act Training.” sponsored by the D.C. Bar Association and AYUDA. Planned and served as faculty for this training. Washington, D.C. October, 1996.

“Victory Over Violence Against Women.” An overview of Immigration Provisions of The Violence Against Women Act. Department of Health and Human Services-Region III. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. September 10-11, 1996.

“D.C. Area Violence Against Women Act Training.” sponsored by the D.C. Bar Association and AYUDA. Planned and served as faculty for this training. Washington, D.C. June 10 and 18, 1996.

“Immigration Law and Domestic Violence: Advocating for Women and Children Under the Violence Against Women Act.” Served as keynote speaker, conference faculty and assisted in planning statewide training of attorneys and advocates sponsored by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and the Washington Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Seattle, Washington. March 21, 1996.

“Assisting Battered Immigrant Women.” Presentation on providing services to immigrant women who qualify for relief under the Violence Against Women Act at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference. Seventh National Conference. Charleston, South Carolina. August 6, 1996.

Using the Violence Against Women Act to Assist Your Clients.” Training sponsored by the Freedom House and the Michigan Coalition For Immigrant and Refugee Protection. East Lansing, Michigan. January 16, 1996.



"Representing Battered Immigrant Women Who Qualify For Relief Under the Violence Against Women Act Immigration Provisions." Ayuda staff coordinated and served as faculty for D.C. metropolitan area training sponsored by Ayuda and the D.C. Bar Public Service Activities Corporation on the Violence Against Women Act for attorneys and domestic violence advocates. Washington, DC. June 29, 1995.

"Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: New Rights Under the 'Violence Against Women' Act." Training session regarding VAWA and the new immigrant relief it provides women and children suffering abuse organized by the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. Boston, MA. June 6, 1995.

"The Violence Against Women Act: Implications for Battered Women." Served as the Key Note speaker for a state and region wide training session planned by the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Council on Family Violence to provide an overview of the provisions of the new act. Austin, Texas, May 12, 1995.

"Federal Legislation to Improve Justice System Response to Domestic Violence-- Passage of the Violence Against Women Act Immigration Provisions." Presentation at conference on Domestic Violence sponsored by the Criminal Law Society, Washington College of Law American University. Washington, D.C. April 5, 1995.

"Facilitator: On Domestic Violence and Immigrant Women." for Conference of State Coalitions Against Domestic Violence. Domestic Violence Coalition On Public Policy. Washington, D.C. February 24, 1995.

"Immigrant and Refugee Women's Rights." Panel presentation on Immigration Provision of the Violence Against Women Act at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference. St. Paul, Minnesota. August 1, 1994.

"The Violence Against Women Act and Other Relevant Federal Legislation." Presenter on panel discussion providing an update on federal legislation at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference. St. Paul, Minnesota. July 31, 1994.

"Domestic Violence Workshop." Presentation on the Violence Against Women Act and the Battered Immigrant Women Provisions at "Serving Crime Victims -- A Criminal Justice/Community Partnership." a conference for domestic violence advocates and victim witness advocates on domestic violence in the state of Maryland. Planned by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence and sponsored by the Maryland Governor's Office of Justice Administration. College Park, Maryland. May 12, 1994.

"Update on the Battered Immigrant Women's Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act." Provided an update for advocates at the meeting of the Domestic Violence Coalition Public Policy. Washington, D.C. April 25, 1994.

"Battered Immigrant Women and the Violence Against Women Act." Presentation before a Conference of the American Psychological Association urging support for the Violence Against Women Act and Research on the problem of Violence Against Women. Washington, D.C. December 14, 1993.

"Collaborative Efforts of Attorneys and Advocates Working in Grassroots Organizations to Successfully Assist Members of Congress in Drafting and Passing the Immigration Provisions to the Violence Against Women Act," Lecture at Catholic University Law School, Domestic Violence Clinic, Washington, D.C. November 17, 1993.

"Immigration Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act." Presented at People's University on the Mall." Conference sponsored by the Student and Youth Coalition of Conscience and the National Organization for Women in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of the March on Washington. Washington, D.C., August 27, 1993.

"The Violence Against Women Act and Immigrant Women." Presented an overview of the immigrant women's provisions of the Violence Against Women's Act together with Bill Tamayo of the Asian Law Caucus to national immigrants' rights and civil rights organizations including The American Civil Liberties Union, The National Council of La Raza, The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Japanese American Citizens

League, Organization of Chinese Americans, and the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. Washington, D.C. June 17, 1993.

"National Domestic Violence Meeting" meeting of groups doing domestic violence advocacy on a national level regarding the Violence Against Women Act called by the National Woman Abuse Prevention Center. San Marcus, Texas, November 15-18, 1992.

## **TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIM VISAS**

Trafficking Issues in the Justice Sector. Director Leslye Orloff hosted a meeting on human trafficking and domestic violence for Hubert Humphrey Fellows at AU WCL (Madonna Gay Escio, who is a public prosecutor from the Philippines, Diana O'Brien, who is a prosecutor of trafficking cases in Guyana, and Tuche Gaona Gordillo who worked in the prevention of trafficking in persons in Mexico) (March 23, 2021).

"Labor Trafficking - Ethical Considerations and Identification of Victims" presented for the 1st Annual Human Trafficking Summit sponsored by the Regional Interdisciplinary Collaborative to End Human Trafficking and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Virginia (February 9, 2021)

"Federal Protections for Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Other Crimes Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the Violence Against Women Act" presented for the Human Trafficking Webinar Series hosted by Wilmington University. Wilmington, Delaware (November 24, 2020)

"Building Trust With Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking" presentation to the North Carolina Commission on Human Trafficking presenting results of NIWAP survey on the effects of immigration enforcement on immigrant crime victims with a particular focus on human trafficking victims and proposing that the North Carolina Judicial Ethics opinion preventing judges from signing U visa certifications be revisited. (May 16, 2018)

"Best Practices for Attorneys to Obtain a U Visa Certification from a Judge" Hosted the thirteenth community of practice conference call that featured Commissioner Loretta Young who presented on the topic and answered pressing questions and case strategies on how attorneys can obtain a U visa certification from a judge. (June 21, 2016)

"The U-Visa as a Crime Fighting Tool." NIWAP law enforcement partners led the first session of NIWAP's new law enforcement and prosecution monthly roundtable series. (March 24, 2016).

"U Visa Part II: Best Practices, Public Benefits, Family Members" Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings that provided a deeper look into the U visa and offered best practices tips for advocates and attorneys. May 28, 2015.

"U Visa Part I: Overview, Safety Planning, and Trauma-Informed Approach" Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinar meetings that provided an overview of the U visa as a form of immigration relief. April 14, 2015.

"The Use of the T Visa and U Visa to Improve Law Enforcement's Work with Immigrant Victims" Presented a workshop at the Police and Correctional Training Commissions to over 35 law enforcement officials and corrections officers from the state of Maryland. Sykesville, Maryland. March 24, 2015.

"Panel on Mechanisms Addressing Violence Against Women in the U.S." Presented at a Founders Day event sponsored by the Immigrants' Rights Coalition and Amnesty International at the Washington College of Law. March 16, 2015.

"Seeking and Obtaining U Visa Certifications From Judges and Magistrates" Presented a national webinar for 430 judges, attorneys and advocates. Washington, D.C. February 20, 2014.

“History and Goals of VAWA’s Immigration Protections for Victims of Gender Based Violence” Presentation for the Immigrant Justice Clinic class at the Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. February 5, 2015.

“Bipartisanship and VAWA.” Presented at a lunchtime seminar for students on policy reform, insider views of bipartisanship, and the history of the Violence Against Women Act. Washington, D.C. October 29, 2014

“The Reimagine: Opportunity Challenge” Served as a coach for a team of grant finalists in a national competition for funding of innovative projects designed to improve services to survivor of human trafficking sponsored by Humanity United, Washington, D.C. January 15, 2014.

“Lessons Learned from Law Enforcement: How Collaborations That Result in U Visa Certifications Support Safer Communities” This webinar drew 216 attendees, both advocates and law enforcement officials, from 41 states. Nationwide. February 15, 2013.

“Improving Immigration and Career Opportunities for Undocumented Immigrant Women In-Home Care Workers.” Presentation at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research’s Roundtable on Women and the Economy. This first Roundtable was co-sponsored by Caring Across Generations. The workshop was attended by 50 agencies including representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor, OSI, and a range of women’s organizations and workers organizations and unions. Washington, D.C. February 11, 2013.

“Employment Authorization Issues for VAWA, T and U-Visa Victims” presented a workshop at the National Conference of the National Organization for Women. Washington, D.C. June 2012.

“Freedom from Fear: Helping Undocumented Victim of Domestic Violence” Plenary presentation at conference planned by the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles covering the domestic violence and sexual assault dynamics and immigration options for immigrant victims. Los Angeles, California October 11, 2010.

“Developing Strategies For Securing U-Visa Certifications From A Range of Government Officials.” Consultation with attorneys and managers at Bluegrass Legal Services assisting them in developing a plan for advocacy with police, prosecutors and judges in Northeastern Kentucky designed to lead to issuance of greater numbers of U-visa certifications. Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, Florence, Kentucky. October 17, 2008.

“History & Purpose of the U-visa.” New U-visa Regulations: Understanding Their Application and Building Collaboration Conference. Keynote presentation at a conference sponsored by the Immigrant Rights Coalition and American University’s Washington College of Law. Washington, DC. February 21, 2008.

“U Visas: The New Regulations.” Presented at the Victim Rights Law Center National Sexual Assault Law Institute. New Orleans, Louisiana. February 12-14, 2008.

“Screening For Trafficking and Domestic Violence in Social Services and Legal Contexts,” Workshop presented at statewide conference on working with victims of domestic violence and trafficking planned by the YWCA and Immigrant Advocacy Coalition. IWP’s HHS grant funded IWP’s and the Family Violence Prevention Fund’s participation. Cincinnati, Ohio. October 30-31, 2006

“Opening Plenary Dynamics of Domestic Violence and Trafficking Experienced By Immigrant Victims.” State-wide conference on working with victims of domestic violence and trafficking planned by the YWCA and Immigrant Advocacy Coalition. IWP’s HHS grant funded IWP’s and the Family Violence Prevention Fund’s participation. Cincinnati, Ohio. October 30-31, 2006

“The Crime Victim’s Visa: A New Tool for Victims/Survivors to Access Immigration Benefits.” Developed and presented workshop at the “Rape Crisis Training Institute: The Intersection of Sexual Violence and Oppression: A Closer Look at Cultural Competency” conference planned by the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Workshop provided an overview of immigration and victim services options and issues that arise in cases of immigrant victims of sexual assault. Syracuse, New York, March 22, 2002.

“T-Visas as Remedies to Help Battered Immigrants and Other Victims of Crime in the United States.” Presentation for the D.C. Bar Association Symposium. Washington, D.C. April 26, 2000.

## **VAWA CONFIDENTIALITY**

“Case Law on VAWA Confidentiality.” Family law attorney Community of Practice. Virtual discussion on the VAWA confidentiality and its limitations on discovery in family court cases reviewing case law from family, civil and criminal cases. Reno, Nevada (October 30, 2022)

“What Judges, Attorneys, and Prosecutors Need to Know About How VAWA Confidentiality Impacts Discovery in Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors,” OVW and SJI funded webinar for judges, prosecutors, victims’ family and civil lawyers, victim advocates, and OVW grantees. Reno, Nevada (October 14, 2022)

“Case Law on VAWA Confidentiality” Family law attorney Community of Practice. Virtual discussion on the VAWA confidentiality and its limitations on discovery in family court cases reviewing case law from family, civil and criminal cases. Reno, Nevada (October 30, 2019)

“Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence Under Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality Protections” webinar for Casa de Esperanza Webinar #2 discussing the full range of protections available for immigrant victims including bars on relying upon perpetrator provided information, deportation protections, locational protections and non-disclosure requirements. Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 22, 2018).

“VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence” Webinar for attorneys and advocates working in rural communities sponsored by Praxis International. Duluth, Minnesota (June 27, 2018)

“Navigating Through VAWA Confidentiality Protections to Enhance Safety for Immigrant Survivors” Statewide training for victim advocates working with sexual assault survivors and Rape Crisis centers in California. Sponsored by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Sacramento, California (May 29, 2018).

“Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality Limits Discovery in Civil and Criminal Court Cases” presented for NIWAP’s family law and immigrant victims Community of Practice (April 24, 2018)

“Safe Spaces and Immigrant Crime Victims” presentation at Harvard Law School on VAWA confidentiality protections, ICE courthouse enforcement policies and the importance of screening and early filing of immigrant victim’s cases. Cambridge, Massachusetts (March 2, 2018)

“Safety Planning and Facilitating Access to Legal Protections for Immigrant Survivors” Presented a plenary highlighting best practices for advocating for and supporting immigrant victims of crime at the 2017 National Crime Victim Law Conference. Portland, Oregon. (May 11, 2017)

“Building a Safety Net for Immigrant Crime Victims: Public Benefits, Confidentiality and More” Presented a training for the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid of Hawaii that focused on immigration relief eligibility, VAWA confidentiality protections, and public benefits available to immigrant survivors. Honolulu, Hawaii. (March 15, 2017)

“Early Identification of Victims and VAWA Confidentiality” Hosted the nineteenth community of practice call to discuss early victim screening and protection and enforcement under VAWA Confidentiality. Reno, Nevada. (February 28, 2017)

“Enhanced Safety Planning for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence” Collaborated with ASISTA and Tahirih Justice Center to conduct a webinar that focused on immigrant survivors’ rights and special immigration remedies, how to prepare enhanced safety plans for immigrant survivors that take into account immigration enforcement and recent immigration policy developments and new enforcement measures. (February 24, 2017)

“VAWA Confidentiality and Ensuring the Protection of Survivors’ Immigration Case” Presentation for the national family law community of practice monthly webinars that focused on strategies for opposing parties seeking information and a discussion lead by Judge Mary Weir. August 16, 2016.

“Right to Privacy: Understanding Immigrant Survivors’ Protections Under VAWA Confidentiality Laws” by Judge Mary Weir, Commissioner Loretta Young, and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: “Community Of Responders: A Holistic Approach To Immigrant Survivors Of Abuse” New Orleans, Louisiana (July 30, 2015)

VAWA Confidentiality: Understanding the Three Safeguards and Discovery Limitations that Apply in Cases of Immigrant Survivors in Family and Criminal State Courts.” Presented a 90-minute webinar for 272 advocates, attorneys, and organizations. Washington, D.C. February 5, 2015.

“Plenary II Topic: VAWA Confidentiality - A Key to Safety Planning” Plenary at the “Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors” conference hosted by the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project. New Orleans, Louisiana. August 6, 2014.

“VAWA Confidentiality Half Day Training” Emerging Issues: New Tools to Help Immigrant Victims” Conference for 110 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 8 2009.

“Immigration and Confidentiality Protections for Immigrant Victims Under the Violence Against Women Act,” at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, CA. September 16, 2008.

“Addressing VAWA Confidentiality Issues in Immigration and Family Cases.” Presented at a workshop providing background and history on the purpose, development and expansion of VAWA confidentiality for immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and other U-visa-protected crimes. Lexington, KY. November 14, 2007.

“The Need for Confidentiality in Handling of VAWA Immigration Cases.” Co-taught training for all INS Vermont Service Center Information Officers, Congressional Liaison Officers, VAWA Adjudicators and other Service Center Staff on the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrants and the importance of understanding how abusers may use INS officers to try to obtain information about their abused spouses. St. Albans, VT. January 24, 2001.

## **REMEDIES FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN**

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status” Updates Open session of the Family Law Community of Practice with national webinar participants invited. Reno, Nevada (June 20, 2022)

“New Regulations, Policies, and Court Rulings: The Impact on State Courts Issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Orders,” National webinar for judges, family lawyers and immigration lawyers on updates to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status following implementation of USCIS 2022 regulations and recent State Supreme Court decisions. Reno, Nevada (October 4, 2022)

“Immigration, Family Separation and COVID-19” Parallel plenary for IVAT’s on-line national conference. San Diego, California (September 1, 2020)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Latest Tips, Tools, Bench Book and Best Practices for Judges” This webinar was presented for New Mexico State Court Judges at a webinar series sponsored by the New Mexico School of Law Institute on Public Law. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 26, 2019)

“Protecting Immigrant Children: U Visas, SIJS, and Other Legal Options” Presentation for all Maryland States Child Abuse Prosecutors, Maryland Department of Social Services Attorneys on a wide range of issues arising in state child abuse investigations and prosecutions. Topics included U visa certification by DSS workers and

attorneys and state prosecutors, immigration options for immigrant child victims, and benefits access for immigrant child victims. Presented at the annual Maryland DSS Counsel Conference. Annapolis, Maryland (October 17, 2017)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings Pertaining to State Court Judges (Pennsylvania)” by Leslye Orloff, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, and Hon. Joseph Fernandes (PA). NIWAP is presenting a training in PA for state court judges on their role in SIJS at the end of February. In preparation, Judge Fernandes drafted a state specific bench card on SIJS and requested NIWAP’s assistance on federal law specifics, procedure, and ensuring accuracy. (February 4, 2016)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Explained: Obtaining Family Court Orders for Under 21 Year Old Family and Sexual Violence Survivors” Presented by Commissioner Loretta Young, Judge Mary Weir, and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: “Community Of Responders: A Holistic Approach To Immigrant Survivors Of Abuse” New Orleans, Louisiana (July 29, 2015)

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” Half day state-wide training for Oregon state court judges at their annual judicial training. Portland, Oregon. April 16, 2015.

“Educational Equity Beyond Access: Institutional Support for DACAmented and Undocumented Students” Presented a lunchtime webinar for professionals in the higher education field in collaboration with the National Forum on Higher Education and the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan held. Ann Arbor, Michigan. November 12, 2014.

“Shining the Light on Gender Based Violence at Home and Abroad” Presented at a panel at a day long symposium hosted by the Penn State Journal of Law and International Affairs (JLIA), Center for Immigration Rights, Family Law Clinic, and the Community Law Clinic. State College, Pennsylvania. October 3, 2014.

“Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors and Crime Victimization;” National webinar sponsored Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance. Denver, Colorado. August 8, 2014.

“Challenges to Leadership in Higher Education: Undocumented Immigrant Students – Admission, Enrollment and Funding” Participated and presented at collaborative action workshops on DREAMers and Higher Education at the Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship Conference “Leading Communities in the 21st Century: Building Resilience, Transformation and Transcendence”. Detroit, Michigan. October 12-13, 2012.

“Safety Planning For Immigrant Survivors and DHS’s New Victim Protection Policies” This webinar sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women at the US department of Justice was attended by over 150 participants from urban and rural jurisdictions across the country. Nationwide. September 6, 2012.

“Children and Immigration: The Intersection in Judicial Proceedings” Plenary presentation for a conference planned by the National Association of Women Judges. Boston, Massachusetts. March 10, 2012.

“Assuring Educational Opportunities for Immigrant and Undocumented Students” participant and presenter at a conference sponsored by the Lumina Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 16-17, 2011

“Promoting the Dream: History and Future” presentation at conference convened by the Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance and the University of Michigan Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, National Forum on Higher Education and Public Good, Washington, D.C., March 4, 2011

## **INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE BROKER REGULATION ACT**

“Trafficking Issues with Regard to Battered Immigrants Who Met Their Spouses Through International Matchmaking Organizations and Abused Domestic Workers.” Presentation to the President’s Interagency Council on Women. Washington, D.C. (September 11, 1998)

## **ASYLUM**

“Advocates’ Introduction to Gender-Based Asylum” Webinar. This webinar was presented in partnership with Tahirih Justice Center and American Gateways for advocates and attorneys who are new to gender based asylum screening and filing. (May 6, 2016)

“Drafting Gender Based Asylum for the TVPRA” National Conference call. Washington, D.C. Continued on a weekly basis, began (September 27, 2007)

“Developments in Gender-Based Asylum.” Panel presentation on state of gender-based asylum in light of recent Bureau of Immigration Appeals Court decisions. Presentation at the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York annual convention focused on the pros and cons of a legislation to address this issue and a discussion of the T-visa provisions that are currently included in the Battered Immigrant Women’s Protection Act of 2000. Washington, D.C. (May 6, 2000)

## **COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM, DREAM, EFFECTS OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ON IMMIGRANT WOMEN, OTHER IMMIGRATION**

“Immigration: Impact on Communities” Presented a webinar for KFLA community of practice group focused on the impact of immigration enforcement on communities. Denver, CO. (June 13, 2017)

“American Psychological Association Immigration Working Group.” NIWAP was appointed to participate in a new immigration working group hosted by the APA to identify areas of need in policy and protections for immigrants in detention. (Washington, D.C.) (April 19, 2016)

“Be the Light at the End of the Tunnel: How to Effectively Serve Immigrant Survivors Released from Family Detention” Presented at Legal Assistance for Victims Grantee Conference in Washington, DC (October, 25 2016)

“Vulnerable Populations and Immigration Policy: Government Perspectives.” Hosted and presented at a lunchtime seminar for Washington College of Law students on DHS immigration enforcement in conjunction with Tom Jawetz (Democratic Chief Counsel, House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary) and Ronald LeGrand (Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary). Washington, D.C. October 7, 2014.

“State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children” Presented at a training hosted by the State Justice Institute. Fairfax, Virginia. July 29, 2014.

“The Effect of Current Immigration Policies on the Hispanic Community” Presentation at the Seventeenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference: “The Impact of Immigration Reform on Access to Justice”. Washington, D.C. April 15, 2014.

“Keeping the DREAM Alive: Immigration Reform Women and the DREAM Act” presentation at the Women Money Power Summit and was presented in conjunction with Dolores Huerta of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, the Feminist Majority, Irasema Coronado of the University of Texas, El Paso, and the Young Women's Christian Association. Washington D.C. April 8, 2011.

Leslye Orloff, Planning Team for a co-convening of Kellogg Foundation Leadership Alliance and the Annie E. Casey Foundation Fellowship Program on Immigration, Migration, "Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry, Migration, Mobility and Human Rights" Presented workshop on the need for comprehensive immigration reform and engaging fellows and fellow’s networks from the two foundations in joining action for passage of Dream and CIR. Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico November 10-13, 2010.

Leslye Orloff as a member of the Mobility, Global Migration & Human Rights planning team of the Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance, National Resources on Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Immigration, Migration and Immigrant Integration, October 2010

[http://www.kfla.org/images/ftp/documents/cta\\_resources\\_list.pdf](http://www.kfla.org/images/ftp/documents/cta_resources_list.pdf)

“Violence Against Women Act: Current Protections and Future Possibilities for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence,” taught by Leslye Orloff of Legal Momentum.” This half day presentation developed for Peace Over Violence was webcast to domestic violence and sexual assault throughout California. The workshop highlighted engaging women’s groups in comprehensive immigration reform and DREAM Act Advocacy. Los Angeles, California. October 13, 2010.

Dream Act, Immigration and Educational Access, planned workshop with presenters including Josh Bernstein, SEIU, Cynthia Bank University of Michigan and Carloyn Hendrick University of California. Presentation included an analysis of the importance of the DREAM Act for immigrant women. The workshop was presented at “Challenges and Opportunities: Future Pathways Towards Immigration & Higher Education” cosponsored by the Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance and National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education University of Michigan Washington D.C. April 26-28, 2010

“Women and Immigration” Presentation on women and immigration reform and the need for the comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act at “Young Feminist Conference” sponsored by the Feminist Majority. Washington, D.C. March 21, 2010.

“Mobility, Global Migration and Human Rights” Presentation at Kellogg Fellows Forum 2010, Tulum, Yucatan, Mexico, February 14, 2010

“Panel Discussion: Unintended consequences And Special Juvenile Immigrant issues” Presented at emerging Issues: New Tools to Help Immigrant Victims” Conference for 110 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 9, 2009.

“Immigration Raids: Humanitarian Crisis in Postville, Iowa” Presentation to New York based funders and Legal Momentum leadership. New York, New York, October 23, 2008.

“Why Women’s Groups Should Work Towards Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Women and Immigrants in the United States.” Panel presentation at The Immigration Debate for the National Council of Jewish Women. Long Beach, California. April 15, 2008.

“National Fellowship Conference.” Leslye Orloff attended and presented on immigration issues at a nation-wide gathering of the Kellogg National Fellowship Program. Estes Park, June 22-23, 2007.

“National Convening on Comprehensive Immigration Reform.” IWP was the only women’s organization invited to participate in a national convening of immigration experts to develop strategies regarding Comprehensive Immigration Reform and its potential implementation. IWP’s work on VAWA was highlighted as was its role in linking women’s, victim rights, domestic violence and sexual assault groups to comprehensive immigration reform work. Participation at this conference was crucial in securing IWP’s role nationally in this work and helped highlight our unique role for the funders attending the conference. Houston, Texas, January 10-13, 2007.

“Legal Momentum Immigrant Women’s Program 2007 Legislative Agenda,” national meeting/conference call, Washington, D.C. December 20, 2006.

“Legal Momentum Board of Legal Advisors.” Breakfast meeting on VAWA immigration and comprehensive immigration reform. New York, NY. May 4, 2006.

“Legal Momentum NY Office.” Presented to the Legal Momentum NY office staff on VAWA immigration and comprehensive immigration reform. New York, NY. May 4, 2006.

“Immigration Relief and Immigrant Access to Services.” Presentation at training for family lawyers, supervised visitation center staff and advocates at the “Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institute planned by the Muskie Institute for Office on Violence Against Women grantees. San Francisco, California, February 5, 2004.



“Workshop on Temporary Protection: Comparative Policies and Practices.” Presentation to international delegation on advocacy efforts to improve the legal rights of battered immigrants. Washington, D.C. March 5, 1999.

"Representing Battered Women and Practicing Immigration Law in the D.C. Latino Community." California Western School of Law. San Diego, California, March 2, 1992.

## **ACCESS TO PUBLIC BENEFITS SAFETY NET SERVICES**

### **PUBLIC BENEFITS**

Responding to Immigrant Sexual and Domestic Violence Survivors Part I: Legal Rights to Access Health Care, Public Benefits, and Family Law Protections, for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) Reno, Nevada (July 20, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Owensboro, Kentucky (July 11, 2023)

Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Victims: Access to Public Benefits and Services in Virginia, presentation for the staff of Northern Virginia Family Services. Arlington, Virginia (May 11, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Tulsa, Oklahoma (May 2, 2023)

Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Victims: Enhancing Safety Planning, Access to Public Benefits and Services, presentation at the 2023 Maryland Crime Victims' Rights Conference. Annapolis, Maryland (April 27, 2023)

Tips and Guidance for Helping Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth Access Publicly Funded Benefits and Services presented a national training for victim advocates and attorneys who represent and work with unaccompanied children sponsored by the American Bar Association Children's Immigration Law Academy (April 18, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Indianapolis, Indiana (April 17, 2023)

2022 Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Exams Partner Meeting for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) (March 22, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Austin, Texas (March 20, 2023)

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Office Hours. National TA Session on the topic of public benefits. Austin, TX (August 17, 2022)

Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices: Part III Tips and Tools for Helping Immigrant Survivors Access Public Benefits They are Legally Eligible to Receive. National webinar for the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). Reno, Nevada (August 11, 2022)

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Office Hours. National TA Session. Austin, TX (June 15, 2022)

Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices: Part II – Immigration Relief and Implications for Access to Public and Assisted Housing. National webinar for the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Webinar. Reno, NV (May 26, 2022)

Afghan Women Know Your Rights Questions & Answer, this event is a follow up to the Know Your Rights Webinar which took place on March 29th. Co-sponsored with Tahirih Justice Center, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, and Catholic Charities. Reno, Nevada (May 6, 2022)

Webinar Series Part II: Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Relief and Public Benefits, Middlesex County, NJ (April 28, 2022)

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Office Hours. National TA Session. Austin, TX (April 6, 2022)

Webinar: Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices: Part I Transitional Housing and Other Services Necessary to Protect Life and Safety, this series is developed by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) in collaboration with NIWAP. Reno, Nevada (March 31, 2022)

Afghan Women Know Your Rights Webinar, co-sponsored with Tahirih Justice Center, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, and Catholic Charities. Reno, Nevada (March 29, 2022)

Representing Workers at the Intersection of Immigration and Sexual Harassment. Training for the Times-Up Legal Defense Fund sponsored by the National Women’s Law Center (January 10, 2022).

Housing for Immigrant Survivors, statewide training for Pennsylvania on access to shelter, transitional housing, public and assisted housing and public benefits at a webinar co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Immigrant Rights Coalition and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. York, Pennsylvania (December 6, 2021).

Enhancing Safety Planning and Immigrant Survivors’ Access to Immigration Relief and Public Benefits and Services in West Virginia Victim advocates and attorneys play a crucial role in helping immigrant domestic violence, child/elder abuse. Part one of a webinar series hosted by West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Martinsburg, West Virginia (November 10, 2021)

Housing Rights for Immigrant Survivors Summer Learning Series for Housing Advocates. Training in partnership with National Housing Law Program for the Texas Council on Family Violence. Reno, Nevada (September 23, 2021)

Legal Rights of Immigrants: Immigration Relief, Eligibility for Public Benefits, Housing and More. Webinar presented for the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund on Public benefits available for immigrants in NY, NJ, VA, and other states. New York City, NY (September 01, 2021).

Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Relief and Public Benefits, and Part 2 of a Webinar Series is open to local, state, campus, and tribal law enforcement on U Visa and detail the requirements of any application for immigration relief through the U Visa program. Otsego, NY (August 24, 2021).

Legal Rights of Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors: Victim Services, Public Benefits, and Housing Webcast for the Conference on Violence Against Women on publicly funded victim and social services programs, legal assistance, and the wide range of services and assistance that are legally available to immigrant victims (April 27, 2021)

Public Benefits and Support Services Legally Available to Immigrant Survivors: What Attorneys and Courts Need to Know? for NIWAP’s national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (March 31, 2021)

“Discussion on Safe Housing for Immigrant Survivors Including COVID-19 Era Protections” for national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (December 10, 2020)

“Enhancing Safety Planning and Immigrant Survivor’s Access to Public Benefits and Services in Prince Georges County Through a Trauma Informed Approach” A training for victim advocates, attorneys and shelter staff. Hyattsville, Maryland (October 29, 2020)

“Enhancing Safety Planning and Immigrant Survivors’ Access to Public Benefits” a training for victim advocates, attorneys and victim witness staff in the District of Columbia who serve immigrant crime victims and children in their work. Washington, D.C. (September 16, 2020)

“COVID-19 Special Topic Series\_ Immigrant Survivors and COVID” Technical assistance and question and answer session convened as a session for the National Alliance for Safe Housing (NASH) - Special Topic Series planned by the Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium (DVHTAC). San Francisco, California. (July 9, 2020)

“Legal rights of Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors: Public Benefits, Housing, and Victim Services” workshop presented at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference sponsored by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

“Immigrant Survivors Legal Rights, Protections, Options and Opportunities Under Immigration, Family and Public Benefits Laws” presentation at 2018 Advancing Strategies for a Safe & Healthy Community in Biloxi, Mississippi (August 15, 2018).

“Working with Immigrant and Refugee Survivors” workshop at the Transitional Housing Conference with the National Network to End Domestic Violence in San Diego, California (August 10, 2018).

“Legal Assistance, Language Access, Emergency Housing, and Public Benefits” training at the National Network to End Domestic Violence’s Working with Immigrant and Refugee Survivors Conference in San Diego, California (August 9, 2018).

“Immigrant Access to Federally Funded Housing” Presented a workshop at an annual training for California Rural Legal Assistance in collaboration with the National Housing Law Project that focused on an overview of the rights of immigrants to access federally funded housing programs under HUD and USDA Rural Development. Los Angeles, California. (July 24, 2017)

“Housing for Immigrant Crime Victims: Shelter, Transitional Housing and Public and Assisted Housing” Presented as part of a workshop entitled “A Shifting Landscape: Undocumented and Documented Immigrants” at the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference. Washington, D.C. (July 18, 2017)

“Enhancing Safety for Immigrant Survivors: Legal Rights to Immigration, Public Benefits and Family Law Protections” Leslye Orloff presented a training sponsored by the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Providence, RI. (June 22, 2017)

“Enhancing Safety for Immigrant Survivors: Legal Rights to Immigration, Public Benefits and Family Law Protections” Leslye Orloff presented a workshop at Safety Within Systems: Advocating for Immigrant and Underserved Survivors sponsored by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. Dodge City, KS. (June 20, 2017)

“Building a Safety Net for Immigrant Crime Victims: Public Benefits, Confidentiality and More” Presented a training for the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid of Hawaii that focused on immigration relief eligibility, VAWA confidentiality protections, and public benefits available to immigrant survivors. Honolulu, Hawaii. (March 15, 2017)

“Immigrant Access to Federally Funded Housing” Presented a webinar in collaboration with the National Housing Law Project that focused on an overview of the rights of immigrants to access federally funded housing programs under HUD and USDA Rural Development. San Francisco, California. (February 22, 2017)

“Secure Housing for Immigrant Survivors: 2016 Policies Improve Housing Access and Options” at “Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations” Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 2016)

“Immigration and Public Benefits Protections for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault” Guest lecturer for Sexual Assault law school class at Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon (March 28, 2016)

“Overview of Federal and State Public Benefits: Access for Immigrant Survivors and Their Children.” presented training sponsored by the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center for Pennsylvania advocates and attorneys on immigration screening and access to federal and state public benefits by immigrant crime victims. York, Pennsylvania. December 8, 2015.

“Public Benefits: Immigrant Survivors’ access to Healthcare under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)” Workshop at the “Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors” conference hosted by the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project. New Orleans, Louisiana. August 6, 2014.

“Overview of Federal and State Benefits” Workshop at the “Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors” conference hosted by the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project. New Orleans, Louisiana. August 6, 2014.

“Opening Plenary: Improved Access to Public Benefits for All Immigrant Survivors.” Plenary at the “Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors” conference hosted by the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project. New Orleans, Louisiana. August 6, 2014.

“Training on Legal Rights of Immigrant Crime Victims in the US: Immigration and Public Benefits and Services” Presented a webinar for the Virginia Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence focusing on the public benefits and services available to and the legal rights of immigrant victims of crime (mainly women). Richmond, Virginia. June 3, 2014.

“Yes We Can! Public Benefits for Immigrant Survivors” This webinar was sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women. Nationwide. April 19, 2013.

“Access to State and Federally Funded Assistance for Immigrant Victims and Their Children” training for advocates, attorneys, and state benefits workers planned for the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Honolulu, Hawaii, February 2, 2011.

“Services and Assistance Legally Available to Help Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women” Workshop at the annual conference of the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. Sioux Falls, South Dakota, December 1, 2010.

“Public Benefits and Issues of Language Access” Plenary co-presentation with the Julian Center at the state-wide Culture and Compassion Conference sponsored by the Muslim Alliance of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana October 29, 2010.

“Access to Public Benefits.” presented at “Multi-State Summit: Building State Capacity To Better Serve Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Trafficking, and Enhancing Skills in working with immigrant victims of Domestic and sexual Violence” This OVW sponsored summit was attended by state teams from Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire and Oklahoma, Savannah, Georgia, January 22, 2010.

“Benefits for Undocumented Immigrants: Transitional Housing as an Example” Emerging Issues: New Tools to Help Immigrant Victims” Conference for 110 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 8 2009

“Access to Public Benefits” Workshop presented at “Best Practices For Serving Immigrant Survivors” Conference for 60 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 7, 2009.

## **HEALTH**

“Legal Protections and Forensic Considerations for Immigrant and Refugee Child Victims” Presented a national webinar for International Association of Forensic Nurses on the effect of trauma on children’s brain development, the importance of forensic evaluations and the legal rights of immigrant victim children and their parents, Arnold, Maryland (November 8, 2017)

“Healthcare Webinar” Presented a 90-minute webinar to inform advocates and attorneys about immigrant crime victim access healthcare purchased through state health care exchanges, when immigrant crime victims and their children are able to receive health care insurance subsidies, and healthcare options for immigrant victims who do not qualify to obtain health care insurance through the exchanges. Washington, D.C. April 16, 2015.

“Health Care Reform What Women Got, What Women Want and What Women Need” presented workshop at a national convening of faith based advocates on immigrant women’s legal rights to access health care following health care reform. Alexandria, Virginia, March 26, 2011.

“Specific Benefits Available to Qualified Aliens: Health Care & Education” at Emerging Issues: New Tools to Help Immigrant Victims” Conference for 110 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 8 2009.

“Access to Health Care for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, and Sexual Assault,” at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, CA. September 17, 2008

“Ethno-Cultural Aspects of Trauma and Violence,” at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse, Trauma, San Diego, CA. September 17, 2008.

“Access to Health Benefits for Immigrant Victims.” Presented at a workshop teaching participants how to use state-by-state charts on health care options for immigrant victims as a tool to help immigrant victims’ access health care. Lexington, KY. November 15, 2007

“Access to Public Health Benefits and Publicly Funded Programs for Battered Immigrant Women and Their Children.” Workshop presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Advocacy in Action Conference planned by the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission. Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 3, 2001.

“Health Care and Domestic Violence,” presented at “Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Seattle, Washington, August 11, 2000.

“What Health Professionals Need to Know About The Law With Regards to Battered Women Patients and Battered Immigrant Women’s Legal Rights to Immigration Relief and in Family Court.” Training for health care professionals in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Planned by SafeNet. Erie, Pennsylvania. October 20, 1999.

“Domestic Violence Legal Issues for Health Care Advocates and Professionals.” Presented workshop on liability for health care professionals and reporting at Ending Domestic Violence Strategies for Change statewide conference planned by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. State College, Pennsylvania. March 24, 1999.

“The potential Liability for Failure to Identify Battered Women and Refer Then for Domestic Violence Services.” Continuing Medical Education training for doctors at Chambersburg Hospital planned by Summit Health. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. February 19, 1999.

“Special Role of Health Care Professionals In Working with Battered Women.” Keynote presentation at Domestic Violence and Healthcare: The Silent Connection conference training health professionals. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. February 18, 1999.

“Domestic Violence and Legal Issues in Health Care--The potential Liability for Failure to Identify Battered Women and Refer Then for Domestic Violence Services.” Presentation to health care professionals and battered women’s advocates working in the health care setting at Domestic Violence and Healthcare: The Silent Connection conference training health professionals. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. February 18, 1999.

“What Health Professionals Need to Know About the Law and VAWA’s Protections for Battered Immigrants.” Planned and conducted a full day training for health care professionals and battered women’s advocates on the legal rights of battered immigrant women and the obligations of health professionals to document domestic violence cases, identify battered women and refer them to domestic violence service providers for help. This training was a statewide training organized by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. November 17, 1998.

“Medical Malpractice Liability for Failure to Identify and Refer Domestic Violence Victims”. Presented workshop at the “Working Together and Reaching Out to Our Community: 1998 Legal/Children/Medical Advocacy Conference”. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. State College, Pennsylvania. May 8, 1998.

“Domestic Violence in The Latin American Community: Challenges: Past, Present, and Future”. Presentation on Ayuda survey of Immigrant Women of Domestic Violence at The Eight International Nursing Conference. Sponsored by The Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International. Charleston, West Virginia. April 4-5, 1997.

“What Health Professionals Need to Know About Laws Affecting Battered Women.” Presentation at the Advanced “Violence Against Women Act Training of Trainers.” planned by the Alaska Domestic Violence Training Project, State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health. Anchorage Alaska. October 23-24, 1996.

“Relief for Battered Women and Battered Immigrant Women.” Training for health professionals at the Washington Free Clinic. Washington, D.C. April 22, 1996.

“Legal Remedies for Battered Women.” Training for health professionals at the Arlington Virginia Public Health Clinic Arlington, Virginia. April 18, 1996.

“Strategies for Professional Education and Cultural Issues Related to Domestic Violence.” Served and faculty, resource person and presenter at “Family Violence: Building a Coordinated Community Response Southwest Regional Conference held by the American Bar Association and the American Medical Association. Palm Springs, California. March 13-15, 1996.

“Planning Committee.” for Spring 1997 Conference on the Civil Justice System and Women’s Health being sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Washington, D.C. February 1996.

“Justice and Health Care System Approaches to Domestic Violence.” presentation to medical students and law students at “Domestic Violence: Would You Know It If You Saw It?” at Catholic University, Columbus School of Law. Washington, DC. April 5, 1995.

"Domestic Violence: Policy Perspectives." Spoke at panel discussion which focused on domestic violence issues affecting women and children at "Systems Reform for Family-Centered Services," conference sponsored by the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs' annual meeting. Washington, D.C. March 13, 1995.

"The American College on Nurse Midwifery Domestic Violence Training of Trainers." Training session held by American College of Nurse-Midwives for participants, who represent 22 nurse-midwifery education programs, to better understand how they can combat domestic violence. Washington, DC, March 10 and 11, 1995.

"The Legal and Law Enforcement Implications of Family Violence." Presentation at the Tenth Annual March of Dimes Perinatal Nursing Symposium, "Hurt, Healing, and Hope: A Multicultural View of Women's and Reproductive Health in the 90's." Arlington, Virginia, November 9, 1994.

"How Physicians Can Assist Battered Women and Pending Domestic Violence Legislation." Presentation during Domestic Violence Awareness Week Co-sponsored by the American Medical Students Association and the American Medical Women's Association at Georgetown University Medical School. Washington, D.C. February 7, 1994.

"Presentation on Model Program for Assisting Immigrant and Refugee Battered Women." Presented at National Women's Health Conference. University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, March 16, 1992.

"Interview on Depo Provera for Film: *The Ultimate Test Animal*." On behalf of the National Women's Health Network. Washington, D.C., Fall, 1984.

"Citizen Petitioning a Tool for Community Health Organizing" presented at the American Public Health Association, National Conference. Dallas, Texas. November, 1983.

"Citizen Petitioning as an Advocacy Tool for Women's Health and Other Community Advocacy" presented at the National Conference on Women and the Law, worked on program committees and the women of color caucus for this conference. Washington, D.C. April, 1983.

## **TRAUMA INFORMED HELP FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS**

Addressing Domestic Violence: Trauma-Informed Practice in a Remote Service Context NIWAP presented at the Practicing Law Institute's event titled "Addressing Domestic Violence 2021: Remote Family and Immigration Law Practice During Pandemic or Disaster" (February 5, 2021).

"Issues of Risk Assessment and Identification of Adult Victimization- Immigrant Victims" Presented a concurrent plenary at the 21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma annual conference sponsored by The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). San Diego, California. (August 29, 2016)

"Trauma-Informed Responses to Immigrant Survivors". Leslye E. Orloff and Judge Lora Livingston co-presented this workshop for social workers, lawyers and advocates at the Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence conference convened by the King County Prosecutor's Office with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator's Office. This symposium was attended by judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement. September 11, 2015.

"Effective Advocacy For Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Protections, Benefits Access, and Trauma Informed Services," Presented at a training sponsored by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV). Lanham, MD. September 24, 2014.

"Trauma Informed Help For Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking: How to Work with Victims in Crisis" Presented a training for law firm pro bono attorneys from Morgan, Lewis and Bockius and Steptoe and Johnson as well as attorneys and advocates from local programs that serve immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Washington D.C. February 24, 2014.

“Trauma-Informed Care: Promoting Healing While Strengthening Survivors’ Immigration Cases” Presented a national webinar for 406 participants. Washington, D.C. October 30, 2013.

## **RESEARCH**

“Researcher/Practitioner Collaboration: Strategies for Successful Implementation” Presented on a national webinar sponsored by the Battered Women’s Justice Project and the Muskie Institute at the University of Southern Maine attended by 90 participants. Washington, D.C. November 15, 2013.

“Issues, Rights & Danger Assessment for Immigrant Intimate Partner Violence Survivors” Plenary presentation discussing new research on domestic violence experienced by immigrant victims, danger assessment in cases of immigrant victims, and new policies and protections from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that enhance safety planning options for immigrant crime victims. The workshop attended by 35 persons was presented at the 17th International Conference planned by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant University. San Diego, California. September 11, 2012.

“Domestic Violence In the Latino Community: Help Available For Victims” Presented social science research and U.S. census demographic data on immigrant population growth by state and the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault experienced by Latino immigrant victims for 40 attendees at the 17th International Conference planned by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant University. San Diego, California. September 10, 2012.

“Linking Research, Policy and Practice: Rights of Immigrant Women and Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women” Workshop at the International Violence Against Women Conference, San Diego, California, September 12, 2010

“Barriers and Successes in U-Visas of Immigrant Crime Victims.” Presentation to the data collection and research team on the Violence Against Women Act at the Muskie Institute, School for Public Service at the University of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine July 13, 2010.

“Barriers and Successes in U-Visas for Immigrant Victims.” Developed presentation for the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Conference. Portsmouth, New Hampshire July 12, 2010.

“Use and Outcome of Civil Protection Orders by Battered Immigrant Women in the U.S” Presentation on results from National Institute of Justice Funded Research at the 2008 Conference of the Law and Society Association international conference. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. May 31, 2008

“Undocumented Latina Battered Women and Children of Battered Immigrant Women: Cumulative Effects and Affects of Help Seeking,” presented workshop with Dr. Nawal Ammar from Kent State University Department of Criminology on the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse for immigrant Latinas. “9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence,” San Diego, California, September 20, 2004

“Violence Against Latina Women.” Served as the discussant responsible for discussing the policy implications of research findings on acculturation and domestic violence and effective forms of service provision for immigrant victims first presented at this workshop at the “Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation: Challenges of Evaluation Research.” This conference was sponsored by the National Institutes of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice. Washington, D.C. July 21, 2004

“Key Issues Affecting Safety of Battered Immigrant Women.” Collaborated with Rachel Rodriguez of the University of Wisconsin Madison to present a workshop on research and legal options with regard to immigrant victims at “Vision of Safety for Battered Women and Their Children: 2003 Statewide Training Institute,” for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. May 14, 2003

“Women Immigrants in the United States and Domestic Violence.” Presentation at Symposium on the experiences of immigrant women in the United States and the laws and policies that affect them planned by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Washington, D.C. September 9, 2002



“Violence Against Women.” Chaired panel at “Women’s Rights in Theory and Practice: Employment, Violence Against Women and Poverty,” conference convened by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Also gave presentation on legal rights and issues in cases of immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Washington, D.C. May 22, 2002

“Conducting Community Based Research,” training workshop at the 8th Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida, August 23, 2002.

“Fostering Resiliency and Recovery From Abuse” Participated as speaking in opening plenary panel for 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence “Working Together to End Abuse: Advocacy, Assessment, Intervention, Research, Prevention and Policy.” San Diego, California, September 10, 2001

“The Nexus of Child Abuse and Battering in Immigrant Latino Communities” presentation with Giselle Aguilar Hass Psy.D. at the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children National Colloquium. Washington, D.C. June 20, 2001

“Prevalence of Domestic Violence Among Latina Immigrants: Findings and Policy Implications.” Presentation on research findings and implications for INS’ definition of extreme cruelty in Violence Against Women Act immigration cases. American Psychological Association. Boston, Massachusetts. August 22, 1999

"Presentation on Current Trends, Developments, Initiatives and Research Findings in Domestic Violence." Taught class of forty undergraduates and graduates enrolled in class on "Victimology" at The American University. Washington, DC. November 2, 1994.

**TRAININGS COVERING THE MULTIPLE LEGAL RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT VICTIMS (FAMILY, IMMIGRATION, BENEFITS, AND CULTURAL DYNAMICS) AND THEIR INTERSECTION**

“Best Practices and Collaborations That Promote Safety for Immigrant Crime Victims; Immigrant Survivors Legal Rights, Options and Opportunities Under Family Law and Public Benefits Laws.” NIWAP presented these keynotes at the statewide Advocacy in Action conference hosted by the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC), the New Mexico State STOP Administrator’s Office, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico (March 17, 2016)

“Best Practices that Promote Safety and Holistic Assistance for Immigrant and Refugee Survivors.” Presented a keynote address at regional training for court staff, prosecutors, police, and victim advocates sponsored by the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, DuPage County. DuPage, Illinois. October 29, 2015.

“Battered Immigrants: Safety Planning, Immigration and Family Court Opinions 2013 Update” Served as faculty on national webinar sponsored by Jewish Women International and the National Alliance to End Domestic Violence. Washington, D.C. April 3, 2014.

“Holistic Representation and Advocacy Services for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence” Training for 50 advocate and attorneys from programs across the state of Kansas, planned by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. Wichita, Kansas. August 20, 2013.

“Building Legal Protections for Immigrant Survivors: Past, Present and Future” This Daynard Public Interest Visiting Fellowship Presentation took place at the Northeastern University School of Law. Boston, Massachusetts. October 1, 2012.

“The Law, Policy, and Politics of Protecting Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence” National presentation regarding the immigration remedies for victims of domestic violence. State College, Pennsylvania, September 7, 2012

“Helping Immigrant Survivors: Options and Challenges in an Age of Immigration Enforcement” local training to Colorado advocates explaining the options for immigrant survivors. Denver, Colorado. July 31, 2012

“Policies & Practices that Enhance the Legal Rights of Immigrant Domestic Violence Victims” Training for advocates, police, social workers and attorneys sponsored by End Abuse. Long Beach, California. October 14, 2010

“Immigrant Women and Domestic Violence” presented webinar for social workers, advocates and therapists for Jewish Women International. Washington, D.C. March 4, 2010

“Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Survivors.” Developed and presented a two day state wide workshop for advocates and attorneys working with immigrant victims of domestic violence sponsored by the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Hartford, Connecticut. November 3-4, 2009

“Northeastern Kentucky Regional Training on Immigrant Victims Legal Rights” “The Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence: What You Need to Know Today to Help Victims and their Children,” Planned and presented a day long training for Northeastern Kentucky planned for Legal Aid of the Bluegrass. Florence, Kentucky. October 16, 2008

“The Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Family Violence,” presented daylong training for advocates, attorneys, police, and state child abuse agency staff at M.O.S.A.I.C Conference, planned by the Mattie Rhodes Center. Kansas City, MO. August 22, 2008

“Your Role in Ensuring Justice and Safety for Immigrant Survivors” opening plenary presentation at statewide summit “Improving Access to Help For Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women” planned by the Idaho Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Boise, Idaho. October 17, 2007

“Immigrant Victims In Family Court, Access to Public Benefits and Housing” workshop presented at “Improving Access to Help For Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women” planned by the Idaho Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Boise, Idaho. October 17, 2007

“Immigrant Victims In Family Court, Public Benefits Access, and Housing” workshop presentation at “Idaho Summit – Offering Help to Immigrant Victims of Violence.” Boise, Idaho. August 17, 2007

“Immigration Options for Immigrant Survivors: A Training on Legal and Other Considerations When Working With Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence, Trafficking and other Crimes,” two day presentation on immigrant access to legal and social services. Topeka, Kansas. May 18-19, 2006

“Your Role in Ensuring Justice and Safety for Immigrant Survivors” presentation at opening plenary Keynote for state-wide conference “Idaho Summit – Offering Help to Immigrant Victims of Violence.” This summit attended by over four hundred participants from across the state of Idaho was planned and implemented as part of the Idaho stat plan for improving services to immigrant victims developed at Legal Momentum’s multi-state summit in May of 2005. Boise, Idaho. August 17, 2007

“Legal Protection For Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women” Presentation at “Beyond Awareness Effecting Change” conference for Jewish Women International. Baltimore, Maryland. March 9, 2007

Legal Momentum OVW Curriculum Summit Training, three day interactive and comprehensive training on immigrant victims’ access to legal and social services. St. Louis, Missouri. November 8-10, 2006

“Battered Immigrant Women Summit”, day-long presentation on immigrant victims’ access to legal and social services. Reno, Nevada. April 18, 2006

“Development of Model Curriculum for Training Advocates and Attorneys Working With Immigrant Victims.” Planned meeting of Advisory Committee members and expert faculty to complete development of model curriculum

to train advocates and attorneys on serving immigrant victims with cultural competency. Adult learning curriculum. Washington, D.C. March 30-31, 2006

“Making Connections: A Conference to Assist Those Serving Battered Immigrant Women” Worked with My Sister’s House and the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence to plan and serve as faculty for a California state day-long training for advocates, attorneys and state welfare agency personnel. Approximately 130 attended. Sacramento, CA, February 24, 2006

“Representing Immigrant Victims in Immigration, Family and Benefits Cases,” Presentation at the New Legal Assistance for Victims Orientation planned by the Office on Violence Against Women. Washington, D.C. December 12, 2005

Legal Momentum OVW Curriculum Training, two and a half day interactive and comprehensive training on immigrant victims’ access to legal and social services. Irvine, CA. November 7-8, 2005

“Domestic Violence and Immigrant Communities Two-Day Training,” training hosted by the Converse County Coalition Against Family Violence/Sexual Assault, two-day training on domestic violence and sexual assault as they affect immigrants. Douglas, WY. October 24-25, 2005

“Helping Battered Immigrant Women and Their Children, Family Violence: How It Affects Our Diverse Community” conference organized by Stanislaus County, presentation on how domestic violence affects immigrants. Modesto, CA. October 21, 2005

“Immigrant Women and Violence.” Half-day training workshop for Northwestern Ohio on immigrant victims’ legal rights sponsored by Kent State University’s Women’s Studies Program. Kent State, Ohio. March 31, 2005

“Legal Rights of Immigrant and Refugee Women in the United States.” Presentation at Pursuing Truth, Justice and Righteousness: A Call to Action,” Conference planned by Jewish Women International. Washington, D.C. March 22, 2005

“Breaking Barriers, Building Collaboration,” plenary presentation at statewide summit implementing work by the Iowa state team that attended IWP’s July 2003 Midwestern summit. Statewide “Stop Violence Against Immigrant Women” conference was planned by the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Des Moines, Iowa. October 8, 2004

“Helping Immigrant Victims Access Public Benefits, Legal Services and Family Law Help,” presented workshop for social and legal services providers and government personnel at state wide summit implementing work by the Iowa state team that attended IWP’s July 2003 Midwestern summit. Statewide “Stop Violence Against Immigrant Women” conference was planned by the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Des Moines, Iowa. October 8, 2004

“Access to Immigration Benefits, Services and Justice System Relief for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse,” presented half-day pre workshop for psychologists, social workers, therapists, and attorneys at the “9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence”. San Diego, California. September 19, 2004

“Keynote Address,” for the “Immigrant/Coordinated Community Response Team Summit: Cross-Discipline Response to Immigrant Victims,” a statewide summit planned by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This summit followed up on and implemented the goals for the state of Wisconsin developed at the July 2003 summit sponsored by the Immigrant Women Program. Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. September 8, 2004

“Legal Options for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Trafficking,” presented half day training for legal services lawyers covering an overview of the types of legal issues that arise in cases of immigrant victims, highlighting issues that arise in family law cases and benefits and housing access issues. This conference was planned by the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association as part of the Women and Family Law Track. Los Angeles, California. July 24, 2004

“Legal Options for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.” Planned and served as faculty for this daylong training for advocates, attorneys, police and immigration officials from southern Arizona planned by the Tri-County Battered Immigrant Women Project and the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families. Tucson, Arizona. March 24, 2004

“The Legal Rights and Provision of Culturally Competent Services to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence,” Led day long workshop for the Annual Domestic Violence Training Institute for Criminal Justice Professionals, Counselors and Advocates planned by My Sisters House. Sacramento, California. October 21, 2003

“Legal Rights of Immigrant and Refugee Populations in the United States.” Workshop presentation at the “Pursuing Truth, Justice and Righteousness: A Call to Action: The First International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community” Sponsored by Jewish Women International. Baltimore, Maryland. July 21, 2003

“How Do You Take This Home?” Led interactive workshop with conference participants to identify ways in which participants could be putting into practice to help immigrant victims the information they have learned at the two day “Midwest Regional Training: New Options for Immigrant Crime Survivors : An Interdisciplinary Training” planned by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women that the Immigrant Women Program co-directs. Chicago, Illinois. May 6, 2003

“Legal Options for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Half-day training for Ohio based domestic violence, sexual assault, and law school and immigrant social services agencies planned by the women’s resource center of Kent State University. Kent, Ohio. February 28, 2003

“Access to Immigration Benefits, Services and Justice System Relief for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse.” Presented half-day workshop at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence to an audience of mental health professionals, social workers, child abuse workers and battered women’s advocates. San Diego, California. September 25, 2002

“Improving Services to Battered Immigrant Women: Legal and Legislative Mandates.” First statewide training on the legal protections for battered immigrant women hosted by the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Vail, Colorado. June 27-28, 2002

“Legal Rights and Services Open to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.” Presented two workshops at a statewide training planned by the Utah Domestic Violence Advisory Council. Wendover, Utah. June 10, 2002

“Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act: A Workshop for Attorneys and Advocates.” First statewide training for the state of Kansas on immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault’s legal rights planned by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. Wichita, Kansas. May 15-16, 2002

“The Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Other Crimes.” Presentation to farmworker and labor advocates and health care providers on access to benefits, health care and legal immigration status for immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at the “Migrant and Immigrant Health in Rural Pennsylvania” conference hosted by the Pennsylvania office of Rural Health. State College, Pennsylvania. April 9, 2002

“Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: Obtaining Immigration Status, Using Creative Protection Order and Accessing Public Benefits and Services.” Tennessee wide training for advocates and attorneys sponsored by the Vanderbilt University International Student and Scholar Services and Project Safe at the Margaret Cummingham Women’s Center. Nashville, Tennessee. February 21, 2002

“Violence Against Women Advocacy and Legal Rights Training.” Training for grassroots migrant farmworker advocates from Lideres Campesinas in Spanish covering battered immigrants legal rights in family law, immigration and benefits matters and systems reform advocacy. Coachella, California. February 9, 2002.

“Battered Immigrant Women Conference.” Helped plan, developed materials for and served as lead faculty for a full day statewide training on battered immigrant women’s legal rights in immigration, family law and public benefits matters. The Conference was hosted by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. Cleveland, Ohio. November 30, 2001

“Opening Plenary,” “What Funding Sources Can Programs Serving Battered Immigrant’s Access?” “Creative Use of Protection Orders and Protection Order Enforcement in Cases of Battered Immigrants,” “Working With Battered Immigrants Seeking Help From the Civil and Criminal Justice Systems,” and “Plenary on Network Work Plan and Emerging Issues.” Facilitated two plenary sessions and served as lead faculty for three training workshops at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Atlanta, Georgia. October 25-27, 2001

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Facilitated and served as faculty for this day-long plenary session of the first national training of VAWO grantees on battered immigrant women’s legal rights and provisions of culturally competent assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Atlanta, Georgia. October 23, 2001

“Assisting Battered Immigrants in Protection Order, Family Court and Criminal Cases.” National teleconference in Spanish for VAWO rural grantees planned by Praxis International. St. Paul, Minnesota. August 31, 2001

“Overview of Violence Against Women Act and U-Visa Immigration Protections” and “Battered Immigrant’s Legal Rights to Access Public Benefits.” Planned and presented two workshops at “Immigration Law and Refugee Rights Training” of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Madison, Wisconsin. August 16-17, 2001

“Battered Immigrants’ Rights to Legal Relief in Immigration, Family Law and Public Benefits Matters.” Presentation at National Legal Aid and Defenders Association national training family law track. Berkeley, California. July 27, 2001

“Battered Immigrants Legal Rights.” Planned, developed materials and served as faculty for a training on cultural competency issues, immigration benefits and representation in family law cases of battered immigrant and refugee women presented at the “Multi-Cultural Forum on Violence Against Women: The Millennium Continued” Conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. San Juan, Puerto Rico. July 24, 2001

“VAWA Immigration Protections, Welfare Access and Family Law Issues When Working With Battered Immigrants.” Planned, developed materials for and served as faculty for a training held by the Harrisburg YWCA for battered women’s advocates and social service providers serving immigrants in central Pennsylvania. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. June 8, 2001

“Challenges Battered Immigrants Face When Seeking Help to End Domestic Violence.” Keynote address for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Advocacy in Action Conference aimed at educating law enforcement officers, social service providers, and shelter workers about battered immigrant victims legal rights to access domestic violence programs and the civil and criminal justice systems for protection without regard to immigration status. This conference was planned by the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission. Albuquerque, New Mexico. May 4, 2001

“Overview of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse for School Social Worker and Psychologists.” Training for public school social workers working with immigrant families for Fairfax County School District. Falls Church, Virginia. December 19, 2001

“Battered Immigrant Women’s Legal Rights Under Welfare, Immigration and Family Law.” Training for Battered Women’s Advocates at Statewide Conference planned by the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Eugene, Oregon. August 19, 1999

“Working with Immigrant Women Who Are Battered.” Half-day conference for domestic violence advocates presented at Ending Domestic Violence Strategies for Change statewide conference planned by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. State College, Pennsylvania. March 24, 1999

“Legal Rights of Battered Immigrants-- How to Improve Services and Outreach.” Presentation to the staff of WIN Victim Services a battered women’s shelter and services program. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. February 19, 1999

“Helping Battered Immigrant Women Through the Violence Against Women Act.” Day long training on VAWA immigration relief, creative use of protection orders and public benefits coordinated by the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women and Na Loio-Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Clinic. Honolulu, Hawaii. March 12, 1999

“Training on the Violence Against Women Act Immigration Provisions, Assisting Battered Immigrant Women in Obtaining Protection Orders and Public Benefits Access For Battered Immigrants.” Statewide training planned by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, the New York State Office on the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Ayuda for And New York Training for battered women’s advocates and attorneys. New York, New York. October 16, 1998

“Civil Options for Battered Immigrant Women” and “Battered Immigrant Women and the Violence Against Women Act.” Assisted in planning and served as keynote training faculty for “A Crossroad -- Immigration Law and Battered Women” a statewide training for lawyers, domestic violence advocates and social service providers in the state of Iowa coordinated by the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The training was also attended by representatives from Nebraska, Wisconsin and South Dakota. Des Moines, Iowa. March 14, 1997

“Violence Against Women Act Training of Trainers.” Planned and participated as faculty in training coordinated by the Family Violence Prevention Fund and The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. Melbourne, Florida. January 28, 1997

“Recent and Radical Immigration Law Changes: What Every Criminal Law and Family Law Lawyer Needs to Know” First Annual Immigration Law Seminar. Sponsored by Alaska Bar Association. Presented on the provisions of the Immigration Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act. Anchorage, Alaska. October 24, 1996

“Domestic Violence Training.” Consulted with officials from the Louisiana Domestic Violence Coordinating Council in developing a domestic violence training plan for the New Orleans Police. New Orleans, LA. October 5, 1995

“Legal Assistance for Battered Migrant Women.” Training session for health care providers to migrant farm workers at conference planned by the Migrant Clinicians Network. Albuquerque, NM. April 23, 1995

## PUBLICATIONS, TRAINING MATERIALS, RESOURCE TOOLS AND MEDIA

### JUSTICE SYSTEM EXPERTISE

#### PROTECTION ORDERS

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Veronica T. Thronson and Leslye E. Orloff “Unintended Consequences: How Civil Protection Orders Affect Immigrants” Delaware Lawyer. (Fall 2018). (Law Journal Publication)

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Nawal H. Ammar, Leslye E. Orloff, Mary Ann Dutton and Giselle A. Hass, “Battered Immigrant Women in the United States and Protection Orders: An Exploratory Research” (Criminal Justice Review 2012 37: 337, August 1, 2012) (Social Science Journal)

Leslye Orloff, Cecilia Olavarria, Laura Martinez, Jennifer Rose, and Joyce Noche, “Battered Immigrants and Civil Protection Orders”, in Leslye Orloff and Kathleen Sullivan, et. al. *Breaking Barriers: A Complete Guide to Legal Rights and Resources for Battered Immigrants*. (Legal Momentum, February 2011)

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Alicia (Lacy) Carra, Leslye Orloff, Jason Knott, Darren Mitchell, “Jurisdictionally Sound Protection Orders”, in Leslye Orloff and Kathleen Sullivan, et. al. *Breaking Barriers: A Complete Guide to Legal Rights and Resources for Battered Immigrants* (Legal Momentum, February 2011)

Leslye Orloff, Laura Martinez, Soraya Fata, Rosemary Hartman, and Angela Eastman, “Protection Orders for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault,” in Leslye Orloff et. al. *Empowering Survivors: Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault*. (Legal Momentum, February 2011)

Leslye Orloff and Alicia Carra, “Jurisdictionally Sound Protection Orders for Immigrant Sexual Assault Survivors” (Legal Momentum: Washington, D.C., November 2007)

Catherine F. Klein and Leslye Orloff, “Civil Protection Orders – The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice, A Lawyer’s Handbook 2nd Edition” (American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, September 2004)(Book Chapter)

Catherine F. Klein and Leslye Orloff, “Enforcement of Civil Protection Orders” in *The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice, A Lawyer’s Handbook 2nd Edition*. (American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, September 2004)(Book Chapter)

Leslye E. Orloff, “New York Supplement: Responding to Domestic Violence An Overview of Civil and Criminal Remedies” In *Domestic Violence In Immigrant and Refugee Communities: Asserting the Rights of Battered Women*. (San Francisco: Family Violence Prevention Fund, September, 1999)

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Abigail Whitmore and Leslye E. Orloff, “When Family and Immigration Laws Intersect: Case Law and Department of Homeland Security Policy Update.” (September 30, 2021).

Sarah Hampton, Limayli Hugunet and Leslye E. Orloff “Affidavits of Support – Compendium of State and Federal Case Law” (September 20, 2021)

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Cruz, Anahi (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLC), Abigail Whitmore, and Leslye Orloff, “Child Abuse/Neglect Proceedings – Jurisdiction and Service of Process” (January 29, 2021)

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- “Best Interests of the Child – Summary Matrix, Map and Statutory Chart.” Provides a quick tool for a state-by-state comparison of best interest of the child standards (December 29, 2017).
- “Best Interests of the Child – Factors in State Law, Map and Statutory Chart.” An infographic that identifies which states’ best interest of the child laws are set by statute and which by case law (December 29, 2017).
- “Best Interests of the Child – Catch-all Factor, Map and Statutory.” Chart (December 29, 2017).
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State by State Public Benefits Charts - State by State Public Benefits Charts -The following state-by-state charts were developed as a tool to help judges, victim advocates, and attorneys quickly assess which publicly funded benefits and services that Afghan refugees, immigrant survivors, or immigrant children they are working with qualify to receive and assist them in navigating these complex issues. What benefits or services are available vary by the immigration relief the refugee, victim or child is pursuing, the publicly funded benefit service they need, whether they are a crime victim, the date they entered the United States, and what state they live in. NIWAP's detailed state charts listed below are being supplemented in 2021 and 2022 by a set of state-by-state screening charts that summarize access to benefits in each state.

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## **SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND JOURNAL REVIEWER**

### **RESEARCH**

Anita Raj, Gennifer Kully, Wendy Wei Cheung, Huilin Li, Nabamallika Dehingia Jennifer Yore, Leslye Orloff, Sangeeta Chatterji, "Supporting Immigrants And Refugees In California Means Focusing On Risk For Domestic Violence" Report on recent findings from our qualitative study of service providers and programs serving recently arriving immigrants and refugees shows that domestic violence is a major concern for this population. (June 11, 2023)

Anita Raj, Gennifer Kully, Wendy Wei Cheung, Huilin Li, Nabamallika Dehingia Jennifer Yore, Leslye Orloff, Sangeeta Chatterji, "Violence Experiences of Recent Migrants to California: Qualitative evidence from providers serving migrant communities in 2022" (April 30, 2023)



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Gwenyth Szabo and Leslye E. Orloff, “District of Columbia Training Interest Survey,” NIWAP in collaboration with D.C.’s Office on Violence and Justice Grants is conducting a survey of programs serving immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse and their needs for training and information to improve their work with immigrant victims. The survey results will help us design and implement a virtual training series for programs serving victims in D.C. (June 1, 2020)

Courtney N. Veneri and Leslye E. Orloff, “Trafficking Social Science Research Data Sources Chart” (January 25, 2021)

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Nawal H. Ammar, Leslye E. Orloff, and Amanda Couture-Carron “Immigrant Victims of Interpersonal Violence and Protection Orders” Book chapter in Ruth E. Fleury-Steiner, M. Kristen Hefner, and Susan L. Miller, Editors, Civil Court Responses to Intimate Partner Violence (Cognella, 2020)(Book Chapter)

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ACLU, “New ACLU Report Shows Fear of Deportation is Deterring Immigrants from Reporting Crimes” report quoting Leslye E. Orloff and discussing NIWAP’s report “Promoting Access to Justice for Immigrant and LEP Crime Victims in an Age of Increased Immigration Enforcement” (May 3, 2018)

Rafaela Rodrigues, Alina Husain, Amanda Couture-Carron, Leslye E. Orloff and Nawal Ammar, “Promoting Access to Justice for Immigrant and LEP Crime Victims in an Age of Increased Immigration Enforcement: Initial Report from a 2017 National Survey (May 3, 2018)

NIWAP Newsletter May 3, 2018 announcing the following NIWAP Releases National Survey on Increased Enforcement Impact on Immigrant Crime Victims; Help With VAWA Confidentiality Violations; Identifying National Law Enforcement and Prosecution Trainers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Training for Prosecutors. Call for Directory Update, NIWAP’s Technical Assistance (May 3, 2018)

Rafaela Rodrigues, Amanda Couture-Carron, Leslye E. Orloff and Nawal Ammar, “Promoting Access to Justice for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children: Findings of a National Judicial Survey and Recommendations” National Center for State Courts Newsletter: Trends (April 16, 2018) (Newsletter).

Gwenyth Szabo and Leslye E. Orloff, “Survey of Victim Advocates Peer to Peer Learning and Training Needs,” conducted as part of the new advocate’s community of practice application process. (April 1, 2020)

Leonardo Martinez, Olga Trujillo and Leslye E. Orloff, “National Resource Center on Reaching Underserved Victims of Crime Limited English, Proficiency Expert Workgroup: Initial Assessment Report” (Vera Institute for Justice, February 27, 2018)

Haley Magwood and Ruth Fleury (University of Delaware) and Leslye E. Orloff, NIWAP, “How Immigration Status Changes Survivors Lives.” National Survey still in process (August 9, 2016)

Victoria Trosterud and Leslye E. Orloff, “Survey on Family Law and Social Services Support Needs When Domestic Violence Occurs in Refugee and Asylee Families” National Survey in which 21 organizations participated, reporting on their work with 7,060 refugees and asylees in 13 states. (April 19, 2016)

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Krisztina E. Szabo, David Stauffer and Leslye E. Orloff, “Survey Report: Access to Public and Assisted Housing for VAWA Self-petitioners, their Children, and Trafficking Victims” (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, June 2014)

Krisztina E. Szabo, David Stauffer, Benish Anver, and Leslye E. Orloff, “Early Access to Work Authorization For VAWA Self-Petitioners and U Visa Applicants”, submitted to Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, February 2014)

David Stauffer, Krisztina Szabo, Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, “Preliminary Report on Work Authorization Data From National 2013 Survey on Access to Work Authorization and Effects of Delays on Victims: Human Trafficking Victims,” submitted to Deputy Director Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, December 2013)

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Krisztina Szabo and Leslye Orloff, “Early Access to Work Authorization For VAWA Self-Petitioners and U Visa Applicants: Legislative and Regulatory History Outline: Preliminary Report- Talking Points,” submitted to Deputy Director Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, December 2013)

Natalia Lee, Daniel J. Quinones, Nawal Ammar & Leslye E. Orloff “National Survey of Service Providers on Police Response to Immigrant Crime Victims, U Visa Certification and Language Access.” This report explores police responses to immigrant victims of crime from the perspectives of various service providers. (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, April 2013)

Leslye Orloff, Donna Irwin, Abby Sun, and Sheila Sengupta, “STOP Grant Administration Report: State-By-State Analysis” submitted to the Office of Violence Against Women, along with subsequent graphs and data analysis depicting “English Proficiency by State,” “LEP vs. Foreign Born, by State,” “Percent LEP by State,” “Years Since Immigration to US, by State,” “Change in Immigrant Population, 2001-2009,” and “Top Ten Languages Spoken at

Home,” submitted July 10, 2012 and revised October 10, 2012 (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, 2012).

Leslye Orloff and Amanda Baran, “Domestic Violence Among Immigrant Women,” “Immigrant and Migrant Women and Law Enforcement Response,” “Immigrant and Migrant Women,” “DHS Response to Battered Immigrants and Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women,” “Department of Homeland Security,” “Asylee/Refugee,” in Claire Renzetti and Jeffery Edleson, Eds. *Encyclopedia of Interpersonal Violence*. (Sage: New Jersey, 2008) (Book Chapters)

Mary Ann Dutton, Nawal Ammar, Leslye Orloff, and Darci Terrell, “Use and Outcomes of Protection Orders by Battered Immigrant Women: REVISED FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT” submitted to the National Institutes of Justice. (November 10, 2006) <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/218255.pdf> (Social Science Peer-Reviewed Report)

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Leslye Orloff, “Women Immigrants and Domestic Violence” in the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, *Women Immigrants in the United States*. Pp49-59, 66-72 (2002) (Book Chapter)

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Mary Ann Dutton, Leslye E. Orloff and Giselle Hass, “Characteristics of Help-Seeking Behaviors, Resources and Service Needs of Battered Immigrant Latinas: Legal and Policy Implications”. *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*, Volume VII, Number 2, Summer 2000, pp 1-53. (Law Review)

Giselle Hass, Mary Ann Dutton, Leslye E. Orloff, “Lifetime Prevalence of Violence Against Latina Immigrants: Legal and Policy Implications” in *Domestic Violence: Global Responses*. (Great Britain: AB Academic Publishers: June 2000) pp. 93-113. (Social Science Journal)

## **PEER REVIEWER FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Crime, Law and Social Change Journal  
American Journal of Preventative Medicine  
Family Violence and Sexual Assault Bulletin  
Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma  
Journal of Interpersonal Violence  
National Institutes of Justice  
Psychology, Public Policy, & Law Journal of the American Psychological Association  
Violence Against Women – Sage  
Arts and Social Sciences Journal  
Routledge Book Publishers

## ADVOCACY: LAW REFORM, TESTIMONY, AND POLICY

### JUSTICE SYSTEM EXPERTISE

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW AND BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVING VICTIMS**

“New York Governor’s COVID-19 Domestic Violence Task Force” Leslye E. Orloff was appointed to serve on this taskforce and made a series of recommendations to Governor Cuomo and the New York State Council on Women and Girls about how the state could play an important role in improving services, legal representation and support for victims of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault. Governor Cuomo included steps he will take alongside the New York State government to improve access to representation for immigrant victims in VAWA self-petition and U visa cases through supporting a project that is based upon the remote representation project NIWAP has been working on to provide representation to immigrant victims in California in collaboration with (CALCASA). The project NIWAP runs and WCL are named on page two of the addendum—NIWAP was the only program named in the report. NIWAP staff are working with New York State government officials on an ongoing basis providing them information about the project and has offered to mentor groups in New York carrying out the project. (May 21, 2020)

“Meeting with new White House Advisor on Violence Women,” Carrie Bettinger-Lopez. Met with White House Advisor and 15 women’s organizations from the DC area to identify key issues during the final years of the administration and bring in key leaders to collaborate on projects before the 2016 election. Washington, D.C. February 12, 2015).

Officer Michael LaRiviere, Leslye E. Orloff, and Benish Anver, Dangers of Domestic Violence Offenders for Law Enforcement Officers and Communities: A Proposed Research Agenda. Submitted outline of proposed research to the White House, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Office on Violence Against Women and participated in a conference call with these agencies. October 30, 2013 and November 1, 2013.

“Senate Passed Bipartisan Violence Against Women Act of 2013” *New York Times* – Editorial consultation on the House alternative to the bipartisan Senate Passed Violence Against Women Act. New York, New York. February 25, 2013.

“Letter of Support on Behalf of the Nomination of Eric Holder as Attorney General of the United States.” Letter submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee from the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women. January 13, 2009.

“Policy and law reforms that the Obama-Biden administration can make to benefit victims of violence against women and working women,” Memorandum to the Office of Vice President Biden providing proposals that would benefit women, working women, immigrant women, and victims of violence against women and articulating which proposals could be implemented by the administration, which could be implemented through policy guidance, which would need regulations and which would need legislative action. (November –December 2008)

“Domestic Violence Fatalities in New York: Improving Access for Immigrant Women” Assisted the Puerto Rican Bar Association in preparing testimony presented before the New York Governors Commission on Domestic Violence Fatalities. New York, New York. February 5, 1997.

“Comments on Victims of Crime Act, Victim Assistance Proposed Program Guidelines.” Provided the Justice Department’s Office for Victims Crime with comments aimed at improving program guideline outreach to ethnically diverse and underserved populations. Washington, D.C. January 15, 1997.

“Domestic Violence: Helping Immigrant Battered Women and Their Children Escape Abuse.” Testimony presented before the Commission on Domestic Violence of the American Bar Association. Testimony discussed implementation of the Violence Against Women Act, full faith and credit for migrant farm worker women's civil

protection orders and the need for changes in lawyer ethics to prevent using immigration status to overcome presumptions against awarding custody to abusers. Chicago, Illinois. August 5, 1995.

"The Crime Victim Compensation Act." Consultation with the House Armed Services Committee on the applicability of the Crime Victim Compensation Act to military families. Washington, D.C., May 12, 1993.

"Stalking Legislation." Consulted with the Colorado Attorney General's Office about national trends in stalking legislation. Denver Colorado. January 13, 1992.

"Testimony in Support of Bill 8-192, Mandatory Arrest Legislation, The District of Columbia Prevention of Domestic Violence Amendment Act of 1989." Presented before the Judiciary Committee of the Council of the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C., June 8, 1989.

## **PROTECTION ORDERS**

"State by State Review of Protection Orders Available to Gays and Lesbians." A Consultation with the New York Gay and Lesbian Task Force. New York, NY. June 1995.

"Stay-Away No Contact Order." Assisted in drafting no contact order for use in criminal-court domestic violence cases for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C., November 9, 1994.

"Act Making Civil Protection Orders Available to Protect Against Dating Violence and Making Violation of Civil Protection Orders a Crime." Provided technical assistance to D.C. Council Member Jim Nathanson, Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the Council of the District of Columbia on technical Amendments to this legislation. Washington, D.C. October 31, 1994 and November 28, 1994.

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"Mutual Civil Protection Orders -- Santiago." Assisted the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation in preparation of oral argument before the California Court of Appeals on the constitutionality of issuing mutual protection orders. San Francisco, California. February 1- March 24, 1994.

"The Need to Expand the Definition of Domestic Violence to Cover Dating Relationships and other Relationships Covered in the Model Code and to Modify D.C. Law So That We will Be Eligible for Funding Under the Violence Against Women Act." Presented testimony before Committee on the Judiciary, Council of the District of Columbia urging the expansion of D.C.'s domestic violence statute to offer protection to persons in dating relationships, persons who are stalked and to other persons in need of protection. Washington, D.C. April 13, 1994.

"Green v. Green -- Appeal Discussing Whether Private Attorneys Can File Contempt Motions on Behalf of Battered Women." Assisted attorneys preparing the appeal of this case. Washington, D.C. April 12, 1994.

"Testimony on the Definition of "Living Together" in Civil Protection Order Statutes." Assisted the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association in developing testimony to be presented before the Kentucky legislature on broad types of relationships covered in state domestic violence statutes. Also provided an analysis of case law for states across the country interpreting these statutes. Frankfort, Kentucky. February 22, 1994.

"Mutual Civil Protection Orders." Assisted the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation in preparation of oral argument before the California Court of Appeals on the constitutionality of issuing mutual protection orders. San Francisco, California. February 1, 1994.

## **CUSTODY AND CHILD SUPPORT**

“Model Standards for Practice for Parenting Coordination.” Collaborated with Dr. Giselle Hass, American School of Professional Psychology and Valerie Despres of the D.C. Bar to develop and submit comments on these model standards proposed by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. The comments focused on problems that needed to be addressed in cases involving battered women and immigrant battered women who were not proficient in English. Madison, Wisconsin. April 15, 2005.

“The effect of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act on Battered Women.” Prepared briefing paper for the American Bar Association’s drafting committee representative to the Uniform Code committee advocating for improvements needed in domestic violence cases. Wilmette, Illinois. December 1996 - February 1997.

"Joint Custody of Children Amendment Act of 1993." Presented testimony before Committee on the Judiciary of the Council of the District of Columbia against joint custody in any case where there has been domestic violence and in any case where the parties do not request it voluntarily. Testimony highlighted the D.C. Gender Bias Task Force's findings about gender bias against women in D.C. Superior Court Family Division cases. Coordinated the testimony of several expert witnesses against the bill. Washington, D.C. April 14, 1994.

"Testimony on Bill 9-2, The District of Columbia Paternity Establishment Act of 1991, Encouraging Streamlined Procedures for Establishing Paternity." Presented before the Judiciary Committee, Council of the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C., February 20, 1991.

"Testimony in Support of H.Con. Res. 172 - Domestic Violence and Child Custody Concurrent Resolution." Presented to the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations. Washington, D.C., May 15, 1990.

"Testimony on the Management and Operation of the Office of Paternity and Child Support Enforcement within the D.C. Department of Human Services." Presented before the Council of the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C., October 25, 1990.

“House Concurrent Resolution 172,” Calendar No. 952, 101st CONGRESS, 2d Session. Worked with the office of Representative Constance Morella (R. Md.) to draft and secure passage of this concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that, for purposes of determining child custody, credible evidence of physical abuse of one's spouse should create a statutory presumption that it is detrimental to the child to be placed in the custody of the abusive spouse. Washington, D.C. Fall 1990 passed October 2, 1990.

"Analysis of the Effectiveness of D.C. Child Support Guidelines and the System for Issuing Child Support Awards in D.C. Superior Court." Testimony presented before the D.C. Superior Court Child Support Guidelines Committee. Washington, D.C., February 21, 1989.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTORS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

“Social Science Research on Immigrant Victims’ Willingness to Call Law Enforcement for Help and Developing State Level Human Trafficking Research” conversation with Portland, Oregon law enforcement official (November 6, 2020).

“Blank Space Policy” Assisted law enforcement officials preparing to meet with DHS staff on the impact of the USCIS blank space policy as it applies to U visa and T visa certifications signed by law enforcement and the cases of U visa victims with whom law enforcement officials work (August 18, 2020)

“Best Practices for Building Relationships Between Law Enforcement and Programs Serving Immigrant Crime Victims” Assisted Minneapolis Police Department official with research that he was conducting on best practices for building trust between immigrant crime victims and local law enforcement. (October 31, 2018)

“T and U Visa Resolution” passed the Victims Services Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. NIWAP provided the Chief David Porter, Chair of the committee and IACP staff with links to NIWAP’s OVW and BJA funded model policy discussion paper and U visa certification toolkit asking that a link to the model policy be included in the IACP final resolution promoting T and U visa certification by police departments. (May 18, 2018)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, “National Sheriff’s Association (NSA) Proposed Model Policy” submitted a proposed draft model policy on Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking and Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations. Updates made for submission to NSA to include information from Final Report of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. (June 25, 2016)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, “Discussion Paper on Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking and Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations.” Updates made for submission to National Sheriff’s Association to include information from Final Report of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. (June 25, 2016)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, “International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Proposed Model Policy” submitted a draft model policy for IACP to adopt on Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking and Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations. Updates made for submission to IACP to include information from Final Report of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Submitted to IACP. (May 24, 2016)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, “Discussion Paper on Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking and Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations.” Updates made for submission to IACP to include information from Final Report of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Submitted to IACP. (May 24, 2016)

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“Comments on Proposed Washington State Supreme Court Evidence Rule 413, Concerning Evidence of Immigration Status.” NIWAP provided comments on the Washington State Bar Association’s proposed rule to limit the admission of immigration status related evidence in civil cases and provided research on immigration related abuse. (Seattle, Washington) (April 6, 2016)

“Research and Access to FBI Data on DV Records of Perpetrators Who Kill Police Officers.” Call with Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department, and representatives from the FBI responsible for the database on police killed in the line of duty. (Washington, DC) (March 21, 2016)

“Recommendations and Comments on Proposed Evidence Rule in Washington State Regarding Immigration Status.” Calls with David Martin, King County Prosecuting Attorney, and submitted recommendations and comments on proposed rule. (March 21 & 25, 2016)

“U Visa Model Policy” Meeting with Chief Mary Gavin of Falls Church Police Department. NIWAP and Detective Stacey Ivie (Alexandria Police Department, NIWAP law enforcement trainer) met with Chief Gavin about a model policy for police departments to sign U visa certifications that was developed for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. We discussed edits and improvements to the model policy and supporting documents that explain the U visa to law enforcement agencies and the role that they play. August 26, 2015.

“Meeting with the Office of Justice Programs, General Counsel and Senior Managers and Policy Staff at the Office of Victims of Crime” to discuss issuance of regulations by the U.S. Department of Justice that would preclude states from prohibiting to federally funded crime victim assistance to immigrants who on the date of the crime victimization were undocumented. NIWAP presented preliminary findings from research conducted in Nevada and Alabama the two states that currently bar access to crime victims’ assistance (VOCA) for undocumented immigrants. April 29, 2015.

“Local Police Involvement With Immigration Enforcement,” collaborated with National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Partners in the development of a letter to Acting Director Michael Garcia of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, discussing the dangers for immigrant victims of local police enforcement of immigration laws. Washington, D.C. July 30, 2004.

“Dangers That Local Police Reporting Can Cause For Immigrant Victims Of Domestic Violence.” Submitted testimony to the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee Washington, D.C. April 21, 2004

“Dangers That Local Police Reporting Can Cause For Immigrant Victims Of Domestic Violence.” Amended version of this testimony submitted opposing the CLEAR Act to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims of the Committee on the Judiciary. Washington, D.C. September 30, 2003.

Dangers That Local Police Reporting Can Cause For Immigrant Victims Of Domestic Violence.” Testimony before the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims of the Committee on the Judiciary. Washington, D.C. February 27, 2003.

“Accessing Police Reports Without a Fee.” Provided analysis of proposed California legislation to Rosa Fregoso of the Legal Aid Society of Los Angeles. Los Angeles, California. June 7, 1999.

"Prosecutorial Practices in Domestic Violence Cases in South Dakota." Offered technical assistance to the Native American Women's Health Resource Center in investigating of how local prosecutors handle domestic violence cases of both Native and non-Native women. Assisted in analyzing research data and developing a report for media and advocacy purposes. Lake Andes, South Dakota. July - August 1994.

“Granting Domestic Violence Victims Access to the Witness Protection Programs.” Researched and assembled data on the extent to which family violence victims could benefit from access to the Witness Protection Program for Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (33rd District-California). Washington, D.C. August 1, 1994.

"Comments on the Development of Pretrial Release Orders in Criminal Cases at D.C. Superior Court." Provided comments to Council of the District of Columbia on how current orders can be improved to better protect domestic violence victims. Washington, D.C. March 29, 1994.

"Mandatory Arrest Legislation and Spousal Privilege." Assisted the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence by providing an overview of all state legislation, sample language and case cites for use in testimony before the Maryland Legislature. Silver Spring Maryland, February 8, 1994.



"Improving Justice System Approaches to Assisting Domestic Violence Victims." Consulted with the Attorney General's Office for the State of New York about developing a multi-disciplinary training on domestic violence. Washington, D.C. September 7, 1993.

"Recommendations for Changes in the District of Columbia Bail Reform Amendment Act of 1991 to Address Concerns of Battered Women." Presented to the Judiciary Committee, Council of the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C. January 9, 1992.

## **JUDGES, STATE COURTS AND CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM REMEDIES**

"Maryland Special Status Working Group" Leslye E. Orloff, NIWAP Director, appointed by the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts to be a member of this working group addressing U visas and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases in the Maryland Courts (2019- Present) This work included:

- Analysis of SIJS case law in Maryland
- Drafting a proposed state-wide U and T visa certification policy for the Maryland courts
- Updating a 2015 chart on Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions in Maryland in collaboration with Professor Maureen Sweeny at University of Maryland Law School
- Securing passage on June 17, 2020 of a Maryland State Court Rule 8-207 and amendments to 16-602 that provide expedited appeals and emergency case processing for SIJS cases that involve minors who will turn 21 within 6 months and for cases of minors who are subject to adverse immigration actions. These rules will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

"State-wide U and T Visa Protocol for the Maryland State Courts" Drafted this protocol as a member of the Maryland Special Status Working Group of the State Courts of Maryland (October 17, 2019)

"Maryland Special Status Working Group," Leslye E. Orloff, NIWAP Director, appointed by the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts to be a member of this working group addressing U visas and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases in the Maryland Courts (2019- present)

Meeting with OVW. NIWAP staff met with Bea Hanson, Director, OVW, and Rosie Hidalgo, Deputy Director for Policy, OVW, on NIWAP judicial training curriculum and report on the need for judicial training on issues that involve immigrant crime victims in courts. (November 20, 2015)

"Need for Judicial Training on Issues That Arise in Family Court Cases That Involve Immigrant Victims as Litigants". Meeting with Office on Violence Against Women leadership. Washington, D.C. November 20, 2015.

Jacqueline Youm, Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Preventing Discovery of VAWA Confidentiality Protected Information in Civil Employment Litigation" Memorandum submitted to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (July 22, 2015)

Planning Session for White House Forum on Gender Equality and Violence. Leslye Orloff attending a planning session with other national advocacy groups at the White House to discuss topics related to gender equality issues and gender based violence for a future forum. Washington, D.C. (June 22, 2015)

"Letter to the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards Regarding Proposed Advisory Opinion 2015-1- U Visa Certifications". A member of the Minnesota judiciary requested input from NIWAP regarding the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards' proposed opinion regarding U Visa certification by judges. NIWAP wrote a memorandum addressing both the positive aspects of the proposed opinion and also areas for improvement, including citations to materials from USCIS and in consultation with the judicial faculty from NIWAP's SJI grant. June 12, 2015.

"Recommendations and Comments to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on the U Visa Resource Guide for Law Enforcement". Leslye Orloff and NIWAP's Gender Bias Fellow, Spencer Cantrell, submitted comments and recommendations to the Office of Policy and Strategy at USCIS regarding updates to the U Visa

Resource Guide for Law Enforcement to add prosecutors, judges and other government agencies that can sign u visa certifications. April 6, 2015.

“Meeting with Department of Labor (DOL) on U Visa Certification Issues”. Met with officials from DOL regarding workplace issues that DOL investigates and signs U visa certifications for. Discussed improvements and clarifications in their policies, including strategies on how to effectively complete U visa certifications to reflect the unique nature of the civil investigations DOL conducts on workplace abuses against immigrants. Washington, D.C. February 6, 2015.

Leslye E. Orloff, “Notice of Request for Information, Modernizing and Streamlining U.S. Immigration System 79 Fed. Reg. 78458.” Submitted comments to DHS in response to an open request by the Department for input. Suggested various ways DHS and DOS could improve processing of VAWA, T and U visa cases. January 29, 2015.

“Meeting with USCIS to discuss U Visa Certification by Judges”. Met with Scott Whelan at USCIS to discuss judicial ethics issues relating to U Visa certification by judges and other judicial officers; also discussed upcoming judicial training in Delaware. Washington, D.C. November 12, 2014.

“Meeting with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) regarding the implications of the Judicial Standard Commission, State of North Carolina’s, Formal Advisory Opinion of August 8, 2014”, which ruled that the signing of U visa certifications by judges presents ethical challenges and recommended that judges not sign certifications. Met with USCIS staff to discuss the impact of this opinion on judges and judicial ethics boards across the country and materials that NIWAP could develop as a part of judicial training to explain the importance of judges signing U visa certifications, as Congress intended, in a manner that does not violate judicial ethics. September 30, 2014.

“U-Visa Certification by Judges: Ethical Issues and Best Practices”. Calls with Civil and Criminal Court Judges Regarding U Visa Certification and the Formal Advisory Opinion of North Carolina’s Judicial Standard Commission. Call with judicial partners from various jurisdictions across the country to strategize about the implications of and response to the Formal Advisory Opinion, issued by the Commission on August 8, 2014, regarding judicial ethics issues that arise when judges sign U visa certifications. September 5 and 23, 2014.

“US Citizenship and Immigration Services and D.C. Superior Court Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo”. Meeting to discuss role USCIS can play in training judges on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases. October 22, 2013.

"Elder Abuse and State Courts: Guidelines for the Courts In Handling Elder Abuse Cases." Provided input to the American Bar Association's Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly by participating in their Delphi Study. Washington, D.C. March through June, 1994.

"Testimony in Support of the Fair Trial Bills H. Con Re. 89, H.R. 1252 The Battered Women's Testimony Act of 1992, H.R. 1253 The Judicial Training Act." Presented Before the House Subcommittee on Intellectual Property and Judicial Administration." Washington, D.C., August 6, 1992.

"Treatment of Latinos in the D.C. Courts" Round Table Forum on Hispanics in the Superior Court. Testimony presented to a Panel of D.C. Superior Court Judges and Administrators. Washington, D.C., November 2, 1991.

"Family Law Hearings-- Public Forum." Presided along with other committee members at hearings held by the D.C. Gender Bias Task Force. Washington, D.C. June 15, 1991.

## **LANGUAGE ACCESS**

“Language Access Enforcement, Meeting with Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Federal Coordination and Compliance Section”. NIWAP has been working to increase language access and to provide enforcement mechanisms for limited English proficient (LEP) persons who have not received federally mandated language access. At this meeting, attorneys from the Department of Justice and NIWAP discussed challenges present in current enforcement practice and the scope of the language access problem. NIWAP will be doing a nationwide

survey of language access for immigrant victims with assistance from police, prosecutors and courts. October 23, 2012.

“Limited English Proficiency Handbook,” provided editorial input to the U.S. Department of Justice on a manual being developed for use by advocates and attorneys. Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. August 23, 2004.

“Assessment of Cost and Benefits Associated With the Implementation of Executive Order 13166.” Signed on to Comments prepared by the National Immigration Law Center on implementation of executive order providing access to limited English proficient persons to programs funded by federal dollars. The comments focused on access to public benefits programs. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2001.

"Certification of Language Ability for Court Appointed Counsel." Presented comments to the D.C. Bar on the issue of the language capabilities of attorneys appointed by Superior Court to represent indigent Latinos. Washington, D.C. December 1993.

## **RESEARCH**

“Letter to Andrew Seele, Migration Policy Institute”, Seeking assistance which led to securing from MPI’s lead demographer state by state demographics on the numbers of lawful permanent residents in each state and the ability to receive this information updated each year as U.S. census data is released. (October –November, 2019)

“Meeting with Giselle Hass, Forensic Psychologist Expert on Immigrant Crime Victims”. Met with Ms. Hass to discuss potential projects relating to NIWAP’s ongoing work with Special Immigrant Juvenile Status research. Discussed the need for a report analyzing the psychological effects of deportation on young children with a history of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. November 11, 2014.

Dan Levine and Kristina Cooke “Special Report: U.S. visa program for crime victims is hit-or-miss prospect”, provided background and NIWAP was quoted in an article on U visa certification discussing the history and purpose of the U visa. Reuters. October 21, 2014.

“Documentation Immigrant Victims Receive Who Are Pursuing Immigration Protections”. Research prepared for the General Counsel’s Office of the Legal Services Corporation to provide information for a publication being developed by LCS for programs receiving LSC funding to reduce impediments to legal representation. June 18, 2013.

“Souratgar v. Fair - Amicus on Domestic Violence and Immigration Status Abuse”. Provided Sanctuary for Families in New York and the pro bono law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP with social science research and legislative history documenting the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrant victims, particularly immigration related abuse as well as research and Congressional Resolutions on the effect that witnessing a domestic violence has on children. February 18, 2013.

“Economic Crisis, Anti-Immigrant Policies and Violence Against Immigrants”. Was interviewed by Roberta Villalón, Ph. D. Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology Department, St. John's University, Queens New York, for a journal article that will be published in the Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development discussed federal preemption August 29, 2012.

“Consultation/Interview on Gender Based Violence as a Driver for Migration from Eastern Europe to the United States Since 1989”\_- consulted with Susan Pearce, Ph.D. Fellow, European Studies Program (Summer 2012) Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Discussed the development of U.S. laws offering protection for immigrant domestic violence and sexual assault victims. August 17, 2012.

Nawal Ammar, Helene Berman, Jacquelyn Campbell, Anindita Dasgupta, Mary Ann Dutton, Giselle Hass, Stephanie J. Nawyn, Leslye E. Orloff, Anita Raj, Rachael Rodriguez, Evan Stark, Jay G. Silverman, Cris M. Sullivan, David

B. Thronson, Veronica Tobar Thronson, Hannah Brenner, J. Ruben Parra-Cardona, Julia L. Perilla, "VAWA IV Legislative History House Mark-Up Researcher's Perspective on Immigration Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" submitted to the House Judiciary Committee Mark Up of VAWA 2012. May 15, 2012

"Transnational Issues and Research on Immigrant Women's Experiences With Violence." Consultation with staff at the National Institutes of Justice exploring work they should be undertaking that would support efforts to train judges, law enforcement, DHS and to reform policies and practices harmful to immigrant victims of violence against women. Washington, D.C. January 18, 2007.

## **ENHANCING ADVOCACY AND LEGAL SERVICES**

### **ADVOCACY**

"CBP-NGO-Working Group Meeting. "Attending working group meeting with NGOs and CBP officials to discuss issues that advocates and attorneys are observing in the field and to engage in dialogue with CBP officials about solutions. Leslye Orloff presented VAWA confidentiality protections and CBP implementation of VAWA confidentiality with Border Patrol and Field Operations component officials and to discuss how NIWAP can assist them in developing policies that implement VAWA confidentiality protections effectively. Washington, D.C. February 24, 2015.

"Testimony on Older Battered Women and Older Battered Immigrant Women." Consultation with the Select Committee on Aging. United States Senate. Washington, D.C., February 26, 1993.

Testimony Against Proposed Lobbying Restrictions on Non-Profit Organizations" Submitted on Behalf of the National Women's Health Network to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Washington, D.C., April 1, 1987.

### **CULTURE**

"Consultation and Meeting with Diane Stewart, Director Violence Against Women Office, U.S. Department of Justice," discussing the needs of immigrant victims of domestic violence and the training materials and technical assistance NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund's Immigrant Women Program Provides. Washington, D.C. March 14, 2002

"Barriers For Special Populations – Immigrants." Testimony at the "Stop Violence Against Women Congressional Briefing." Sponsored by Lifetime Television and the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. Washington, D.C. March 7, 2002.

L. Orloff, *Social Issues and Family Violence -- Respecting Culture in Work With Battered Immigrant Women* Address before the American Medical Associations, National Conference on Family Violence: Justice and Health Conference Proceedings,, American Medical Association, (November 1994).

"D.C. Government Response to the Needs of Latino Women." presented to the City Administrator during a presentation coordinated by the Latino Civil Rights Task Force. Washington, D.C. September 9, 1993.

"D.C. Government Treatment of Latinos." Testimony presented before the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Washington, D.C., January 30, 1992.

"Critique of the Latino Blueprint for Action Highlighting Additional Concerns That Should be Addressed by the D.C. Latino Civil Rights Task Force -- With an Emphasis on the Needs of Latina Women." Submitted to the D.C. Latino Civil Rights Task Force. Washington, D.C., January, 1992.

### **EMPLOYMENT-ECONOMIC SECURITY**

"DHS Appropriations: Racial Profiling Prevention, Early Access to Work Authorization for VAWA and U visa Cases and Removing the Requirement That Certifiers be Supervisors" Consultation with the Office of Representative Gwen Moore. May 21-30, 2013.

“Meeting with the Office of the Ombudsman for Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security”- Discussed a number of issues of particular importance to immigrant crime victims including ongoing significant delays in access to work authorization, reported on videos and work with CPB, amending the DHS brochure to include DACA and SIJS. At this meeting the Ombudsman’s office asked for our assistance researching state laws with regard to access to drivers licenses for immigrant victims in the process of applying for VAWA, T-visa, U-visa, battered spouse waiver and other forms of victim related immigration relief. August 28, 2012.

“Battered Women’s Economic Security Act.” Provided technical assistance to Senators Wellstone and Murray in drafting this Bill’s provisions to assist battered immigrant women. Washington, D.C. June 1998 - October 1998.

“Domestic Violence-- What Co-workers Can Do.?” Prepared materials for presentation at the national conference of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees. Orlando, Florida. October 7, 1995.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

“Permissibility of Providing Legal Services to Noncitizen Parents and Noncitizen Guardians of Children Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status” NIWAP led the effort to seek and obtain Advisory Opinion 2016-002 (Revised) confirming that legal services agencies receiving funding from LSC may represent noncitizen parents/guardians of noncitizen children who have suffered battering, extreme cruelty, sexual assault, human trafficking or other U visa-listed criminal activities. LSC funded agencies can represent noncitizen parents and guardians in state court cases related to remedying about that the immigrant child suffered, without regard to the parent/guardian’s immigration status or own abuse history. Under this advisory opinion the term “guardian” refers to individuals who have custody of and responsibility for the child in question, regardless of whether that individual is the child’s court-appointed guardian or custodian. Washington, D.C. (August 26, 2016)

“Legal Services Corporation Representation of Undocumented Caregivers in SIJS Cases.” NIWAP is working with LSC and NLADA to get field guidance on the eligibility for legal representation of undocumented caregivers for the purposes of obtaining SIJS orders for minor children when the caregiver is otherwise ineligible. (Washington, D.C.) (April 14, 2016)

“Meeting with New White House Advisor on Violence Women, Carrie Bettinger-Lopez.” Discussed and provided an update on new Legal Services Regulations, policy issues affecting immigrant victims that NIWAP has been working with Customs and Border Patrol and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on, access to transitional housing and public and assisted housing through HUD and access to post-secondary educational grants and loans for U visa victims. April 29, 2015.

“Clarification Under VAWA 2005 and LSC Regulations of LSC Funded Program’s Ability to Represent Immigrant Victims of Battering, Extreme Cruelty and Domestic Violence When the Abuse Occurred Abroad.” Meeting with National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) and Legal Services Corporation (LSC) regarding inconsistency in the new regulations issued by LSC in April 2014 that did not accurately describe eligibility for access to legal services by victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as defined by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005. NIWAP worked with LSC and NLADA to discuss the inconsistency and to provide LSC with information about the potential group of immigrant victims that could potentially be unable to access critical legal services based on the inconsistency. October 1, 2014.

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Policy and Strategy Meeting with the VERA Institute” Followed up on USCIS identified issues for unaccompanied minors. Discussed obstacles children in ORR custody are facing gaining access to state court. Discussed future collaboration to combat these issues. October 20, 2014.

“Clarification Under VAWA 2005 and LSC Regulations of LSC Funded Program’s Ability to Represent Immigrant Victims of Battering, Extreme Cruelty and Domestic Violence When the Abuse Occurred Abroad” Meeting with National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) and Legal Services Corporation (LSC) regarding inconsistency in the new regulations issued by LSC in April 2014 that did not accurately describe eligibility for

access to legal services by victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as defined by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005. NIWAP worked with LSC and NLADA to discuss the inconsistency and to provide LSC with information about the potential group of immigrant victims that could potentially be unable to access critical legal services based on the inconsistency. October 1, 2014.

“Model Court Orders and Training Materials for Judges in Special Immigrant Juvenile Cases” Meeting with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) Regarding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) to discuss development of materials and training opportunities regarding information about SIJS for judges, attorneys, advocates and other service providers. NIWAP and USCIS also identified obstacles that immigrant children are experiencing in courts and outlined possible materials to collaborate on to address these issues. August 22, 2014.

“Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors Meeting.” NIWAP Policy Staff Attorney attended the LSC Board of Directors meeting to observe the discussion regarding the further notice of proposed rulemaking that NIWAP had submitted comments for. April 7, 2014.

“Updating LSC Regulations: Making Section 1626.4 VAWA 2005 Compliant.” Memorandum to the Office of General Counsel of the Legal Services Corporation. This memo includes a recommendation that LSC follow the lead of DHS and make the proposed rule an interim final rule that takes effect immediately and can be revised following notice and comment. The proposed rule fits within the health and safety exception in the Administrative Procedures Act. July 3, 2013.

“Meeting with Senior Staff and the National Legal Aid and Defenders Organization.” Discussed strategies to secure full implementation of the Access to Legal Services provisions of VAWA 2005 for immigrant victims of crime who continue to be turned away from Legal Services Corporation (LSC) funded programs. NIWAP will be developing and filing a federal administrative petition for rulemaking by LSC. October 12, 2012.

“Collaboration with Jayesh Rathod and the Federal Trade Commission.” Met to discuss assisting the FTC in reaching immigrants who were victims of a Notario investigation in which FTC has appointed a trustee. FTC reached out to WCL to submit a proposal for reviewing, contacting clients and potentially placing with pro bono law firms or the clinic immigration applications of persons whose cases were left in limbo when the FTC closed down a group of Notarios in Nevada. August 30, 2012.

“Full Legal Services Access for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and U-Visa Covered Crimes.” Worked with the Office of Senator Durbin to develop language included and passed as part of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 that ensured that all non-citizen victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and U-visa listed crimes could access assistance from Legal Services Corporation (LSC) funded programs without regard to their immigration or citizenship status. LSC funded programs could use any source of funding to assist immigrant victims including LSC funding and no-immigration restrictions, record-keeping or reporting requirements applied to these cases, 2004 to 2006. Change became law January 2006.

“The Kennedy Amendment to Legal Services Appropriations 1997.” Worked with the Office of Senator Kennedy to develop an amendment to Legal Services Appropriations that reopened access to representation from Legal Services Corporation funded programs for battered immigrants abused by their spouses or parents without regard to the victim’s or the perpetrator’s immigration status. Legal Services funded programs authorized to provide a full range of legal services to victims that were related to healing from, overcoming the effects of or escaping abuse. June 26, 1996.

“Why Battered Women Need Access to Legal Services and Welfare.” Conducted a national survey at the request of the Department of Justice Violence Against Women Act Office collecting data and information on patterns of welfare use by battered women and on the need for representation by Legal Services attorneys by battered women. Produced report based on interviews with state coalitions and shelter programs in thirty-five states. Washington, D.C. July 20, 1996.

“The Need to Restore Legal Services for Battered Immigrant Women.” Assisted the White House Office on Women in drafting part of a speech to be given by President Clinton on the dangers of cutbacks in Legal Services for battered women and children. June 7, 1996.

“Domestic Violence Case Reporting.” Worked with Legal Services Corporation to reform their reporting requirements so that programs could only report cases as assistance in domestic violence issues when they represented the victim (as opposed to the perpetrator) of domestic violence. Sumer, 1995

“Ayuda’s Model Domestic Violence Program-Serving the Needs of Battered Women.” Testimony before the National Research Council, Institute of Medicine,” at a workshop on Family Violence Interventions. Washington, D.C. February 27, 1995.

“Handbook on Accessing the Justice System for Women at Risk.” Consulted and assisted the American Trial lawyers Association by providing substantive input and editing a handbook aimed at assisting battered women who turn to the court system for help, being developed by the American Trial Lawyers Association for distribution to and use by battered women in crisis. Follow-up to the End Violence Against Women Conference. Washington, D.C. November/December 1993.

"Testimony on the Advantages of Allowing Non-Lawyers Affiliated with Legal Services Organizations to Represent Battered Women in Civil Protection Order Cases." Presented before the American Bar Association Commission on Non-Lawyer Practice. Washington, D.C., June 25, 1993.

## **IMMIGRATION OPTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT VICTIMS, IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND IMMIGRANT CHILDREN**

### **VAWA**

“Gender Based Violence (GBV) Training Script” provided comments and proposed edits to the DHS Coordinating Council on Gender Based Violence on a virtual training curriculum being developed that will be required training for all DHS components staff. (July 21, 2023)

NIWAP secured a policy from USCIS providing guidance on mailing address procedures for persons eligible for and recipients of victim-based immigration relief. Under 8 U.S.C 1367 confidentiality provisions the USCIS policies ensure that information related to a protected person is disclosed only to authorized parties identified by the protected person. This policy applies to all cases filed by protected persons including but not limited to VAWA, T and U visa cases. (April 11, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff and Matison Miller, NIWAP comments on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements - CIS No. 2687-21; DHS Docket No. USCIS–2021–0010; RIN 1615-AC68, advocating that U visa and VAWA cases receive the same exemptions from fees that T visa cases receive under the fee rule from filing through lawful permanent residency. This comment also addresses the need for treating the filing date as the date a victim files papers with USCIS with either a fee waiver or a fee. (March 5, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff, Letter to Rene Cutlip-Mason seeking policy reforms that will treat the filing date for purposes of VAWA, U and T visa cases and appeals and motions related to these case types as the date on which a fee waiver request is filed or the date on which a fee is paid. Policy reform is needed to ensure that survivors needed fee waivers are no longer disadvantaged should their fee waiver requests be denied and they are deemed to have missed a filing deadline because they requested a fee waiver ((February 16, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff, “Suggested Amendments to the WISE Act” provide the offices of Congresswomen Schakowsky and Jayapal with suggested additional provisions to include in the WISE Act. (October 6, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, Setting Up the Crime and Abuse Victim Protection Directorate at USCIS proposal submitted to the USCIS Ombudsman for the consolidation of all of the VAWA, Battered Spouse Waiver, U visa, T visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Adjudications in on specially trained single Directorate at USCIS to improve adjudications and address backlog issues that will promote safety for immigrant victim applicants. (August 23, 2022)

“Outstanding Needed Improvements for Immigrant Survivors” Briefed Rosie Hidalgo, White House, Gender Policy Council on actions that the Biden Administration can take administratively to improve access to immigration relief for immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking and other criminal activities. (May 18, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, “Memo on VAWA’s Reinstatement of Removal Protections for VAWA, T and U Visa Eligible Victims” submitted to USCIS Office on Policy and Strategy (March 28, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, Abigail Whitmore, Daliana Gomez Garcia, Ilana Hoffman, Meera Patel and Ava Reisman, “Comments on VAWA Self-Petitioning Sections of the USCIS Policy Manual (March 9, 2022)

“Immigrant Survivors and Public Charge: Comment on Interim Final Rule-Visas: Ineligibility Based on Public Charge Grounds; Docket DOS-2021-0034 and RIN 1400-AE87,” NIWAP Signed on to Comments developed by Advocates for Immigrant Survivors submitted to the Department of State January 18, 2022)

Kavell Joseph, Amanda Davis, and Leslye Orloff, “Moving Battered Spouse Waiver Adjudications to the VAWA Unit: A Call for Consistency and Safety: National Survey Findings Highlights.” Final Report submitted to the Office on Policy and Strategy, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (February 6, 2017; Updated October 18, 2021)

Letter from 17 Law Enforcement and Prosecution Officials to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, discussing the impact on criminal investigations and prosecutions of the 5 year delays between filing and access to protection from deportation through deferred action for immigrant victims with pending U visa applications. (May 26, 2021)

“Comment in Response to Request for Public Input: Identifying Barriers Across U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) Benefits and Services” NIWAP submitted comment urging USCIS to speed up access to deferred action and work authorization for both U visa applicants and VAWA self-petitioners, increase staffing and provide training for the VAWA adjudications unit, expedite adjudications as a remedy for VAWA confidentiality violations, cancel NTA’s issued against victims, retract the 2019 U Visa Certification Resource Guide, Expand who can sign U visa certifications, end all fees charged in VAWA and U visa cases, and move battered spouse waiver adjudications to the VAWA unit. (May 19, 2021).

Letter to the U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senator Gary Peters, Chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. NIWAP joined a sign-on letter lead by ASISTA calling on the U.S. Senate to protect and strengthen protections for immigrant survivors in the next reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. (May 15, 2021)

Leslye E. Orloff, “Legislative Reforms Needed For Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Immigrant Children Who Have Suffered Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect” (April 4, 2021)

“Collection and Use of Biometrics by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – NIWAP Public Comments on Proposed Rule” (October 13, 2020) (Updated: January 2021)

NIWAP participated in a Listening session organized by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on Violence Against Women (VAWA) Self Petitions. NIWAP made several comments regarding reform adjudication process to ensure that all VAWA self-petitioners receive early access deferred action and work authorization. Also, to end all fees on VAWA unit cases (August 26, 2021).



Lilah Greenberg and Leslye E. Orloff, “Interlineated HR 5331 Violence Against Immigrant Women Act of 2012 (May 7, 2012 Interlineation June 5, 2021)

Lilah Greenberg and Leslye E. Orloff, “H.R. 5331 112<sup>th</sup> Congress The Violence Against Immigrant Women Act of 2012: Section by Section (June 5, 2021)

Leslye E. Orloff, “Legislative Reforms Needed for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Immigrant Children Who Have Suffered Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect” (June 5, 2021)

Immigration Enforcement Priorities, Immigrant Survivors and the Domestic Violence Victim Waiver, participated in a meeting with senior staff at the Department of Homeland Security from Secretary Mayorkas’ Office discussing how immigrant survivors particularly of domestic violence end up with criminal charges and criminal convictions. Congress created the domestic violence victim waiver and as DHS reviews enforcement priorities it is important that they be structured so that waiver eligible domestic violence victims are able to access the protections offered by the waiver. (May 13, 2021).

Leslye E. Orloff “VAWA T, U Case Processing Data 1997-2020 FY DHS and INS” (February 10, 2021)

“Documentary about the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)” Leslye E. Orloff participated in a several hour video interview by Sanda Cavallaro and her staff, a recent graduate of the University of Texas, for a documentary film that aims to bring to life the stories of immigrant victims in the United States. In the documentary, Leslye E. Orloff was interviewed as an expert on VAWA’s immigration provisions and the legislative history of the creation of the VAWA 1994 including how its protections for helps immigrant women have tangibly affected people’s lives. (February 13, 2020)

Leslye E. Orloff, Completed multiple meetings and read multiple drafts of the Anti-immigrant Violence Prevention Bill. Spoke with hill staffers: Carolina Peñalva-Arana, Adrienne Castro, and Justin Maturro who are in the Office of Congressman Mark Takano (October-November, 2019)

“Discussed the 2018 Report on Access to Justice for Immigrant Victims” NIWAP met with Anna Flagg of the Marshall Project to discuss NIWAP’s 2018 report for one of her upcoming stories (October 23, 2019)

Leslye E. Orloff, “Declaration on VAWA Self-Petitioning and Remarriage” Provided an expert witness affidavit on the statutory amendments, legislative history and legislative intent of the provisions that allowed VAWA self-petitioners to remarry without affecting their pending VAWA self-petition (August 22, 2019)

Leslye E. Orloff, Complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties about a VAWA Confidentiality Violence Case involving a VAWA self-petitioner in Minnesota. The complaint resulted in USCIS expediting approval of her VAWA self-petition. The victim is immediately eligible for lawful permanent residency. (February 6, 2019 – April, 2019)

“Legislative History of the Violence Against Women Act Self-Petition,” collected and provided staff at Immigration and Customs Enforcement with the full legislative history of the VAWA self-petition (March 19, 20 and April 7, 2020)

Leslye E. Orloff and Zachary Perez, Provisions Drafted For The Violence Against Women Act of 2005 That passed the House of Representatives but were not included in the Senate VAWA 2005. NIWAP reviewed the provisions and is collecting the section-by-section analysis that the draft statutory provisions and is providing them to the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors to be considered as part of future amendments to improve Violence Against Women Act protections for immigrant victims of domestic and sexual violence and other crimes. Washington, D.C. (January 29, 2019)

“Inadmissibility on Public Charges, comments of NIWAP to the Department of Homeland Security” NIWAP submitted comments to DHS to address an error in the proposed regulations that misinterpret current federal statutes and fails to fully exempt T visa recipient human trafficking victims for public charge. (December 10, 2018)

“NIWAP Submission in Response to GAO Questions Regarding VAWA Self-Petitioning” Compiled and provided resources to the Government Accountability Office on VAWA self-petitions and VAWA Confidentiality (November 8, 2018).

Leslye E. Orloff, Memo to the Department of Homeland Security on VAWA confidentiality legislative history and VAWA 2005’s sense of Congress on not applying reinstatement of removal in cases of immigrant crime victims. (May 17, 2018)

Tarja Cajudo and Leslye E. Orloff, “Breakdown and Infographics on Requirements for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) NACARA.” Eligibility for Applicants and Their Dependents Legal research, recommendations, and development of a series of infographics to assist the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in implementing protections for immigrant domestic violence victims under the VAWA 2000 and VAWA 2005 protections under the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act NACARA. Washington, D.C. (January 9, 2018)

Tarja Cajudo and Leslye E. Orloff, “Memo on Implementation of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) HRIFA.” Legal research and recommendations for training materials, policy guidance and public information on the legal rights of abused spouses and children under VAWA’s HRIFA protections for abused spouses of Haitian Nationals who qualified under HRIFA. This memo was submitted to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on VAWA HRIFA’s Protections for Haitians and their family members. Washington, D.C. (January 9, 2018)

Leslye Orloff and Benish Anver, “Securing DHS Policies, Practices and Training Needed to Protect Immigration Crime Victims: Completing Achievable Enhanced Protections in 2016.” Memorandum submitted to Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (July 24, 2016)

“Meeting with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to Discuss Outstanding Agenda of Work for 2016 on Policies Needed for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking” Secured an in person meeting with the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and will DHS Headquarters Staff to advocate for priority work to be accomplished during the Obama Administration. Key issues discussed were the need for access to work authorization within 30 days of filing for U visa victims, VAWA confidentiality implementation by CBP, and changes in the U visa supervisor requirement. (June 25, 2016)

“National Battered Spouse Waivers Adjudication Survey.” Conducted a national survey on Battered Spouse Waivers documenting problems in the field in adjudicating BSW cases and the need to move the adjudications to the VAWA unit that has a specialized unit in the adjudication of domestic violence cases at the Department of Homeland Security. (April 11, 2016)

Leslye Orloff, Comments on “PM-602-0110: VAWA Amendments to the Cuban Adjustment Act: Continued Eligibility for Abused Spouses and Children.” NIWAP submitted comments to the Office of Policy & Strategy at USCIS on guidance related to VAWA amendments to the Cuban Adjustment Act. (July 3, 2015)

“Meeting with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP).” Met with CBP liaisons on VAWA confidentiality policies and strategies that should be implemented by CBP. Discussed the most effective materials that NIWAP can develop to assist CBP officials in implementing VAWA confidentiality protections and strategized about future meetings with CBP officials. Washington, D.C. February 9, 2015.

“Early Access to Work Authorization for VAWA Self-Petitioners and U Visa Applicants and Expansion of U-Visa Designation Authority Beyond Supervisors.” Meeting at the White House with Domestic Policy Council and National Security Council Immigration Staff and with the Office on Violence Against Women discussing NIWAP’s

meeting with Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and gaining input on strategies for materials NIWAP is developing for the Assistant Secretary, Washington, D.C. January 3, 2014.

Meeting on Immigrant Victims' Rights Issues. NIWAP Director Leslye Orloff, three of the Immigrant Women Law and Policy Seminar Students (Krisztina Szabo, Katrina Castillo and Joyce Lancen, and NIWAP's Immigrant Women Law and Policy Fellow, Benish Anver, prepared briefing materials and attended a meeting with White House Staff. Topics included DHS (Work authorization, Supervisor U Visa Requirement) and Benefits (Housing, Education). October 23, 2013.

“Report on Legislative History of the Domestic Violence Victim Waiver in VAWA 2000 and 2005” in response to calls from advocacy agencies and Senate Offices related to Comprehensive Immigration Reform. May 20, 2013.

“Eligibility for Employment Authorization Upon Approval of a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-Petition; and Eligibility for Employment Authorization for Battered Spouses of Certain Nonimmigrants.” Submitted comments to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on proposed policies for granting work authorization to VAWA self-petitioners and abused spouses of immigrant work visa holders with A, E (iii), G or H visas. January 10, 2013.

“Violence Against Women Act of 2012: Immigration Provisions.” NIWAP staff drafted the immigration provisions ultimately included in VAWA 2013 at the request of Representative Jan Schakowsky and Senator Patrick Leahy. 2012 and 2013.

Rocio Molina, Leslye E. Orloff, Benish Anver, and Mojisola Ahonsi, “Considerations for the Board of Immigration Appeals in Violence Against Women Act Cases.” Submitted to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Board of Immigration Appeals. November 27, 2012.

“Integration of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) VAWA Confidentiality Policy at Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) under the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA §384).” Memo to Ana Hinken, NGO Liaison at United States Customs and Border Protection, discussing the need for adoption of policies and training at CBP on VAWA, T and U-Visas, and VAWA confidentiality protections. October 15, 2012.

“Ad-Hoc Congressional Hearing: Emerging Issues in Ending Violence Against Immigrant Women” Testified before members of Congress on the impact of immigration enforcement policies on immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Washington, D.C. February 10, 2011.

“Continued Eligibility to File Child VAWA Self-Petitioners After Attaining Age 21; Revisions to Adjudicator’s Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 21.14 (AFM Update AD07-02).” Submitted comments urging DHS implementation of VAWA 2005’s provisions providing access to VAWA self-petitions for immigrant victims up to age 25 in a manner consistent with Congressional intent. June 24, 2010.

IWP led national campaign to collect recommendations for changes needed for immigrant victims in the Violence Against Women Act VI. Working with the Office of Representative Jan Schakowsky’s office on developing a legislative counsel draft of the provisions September 2010 through February 2011.

“Implementation of the Violence Against Women Act and related laws” Provided DHS an analysis of all VAWA related legislation identifying which provisions have been implemented by DHS, which implemented provisions need to be revised in light of new legislation, which provisions have never been implemented. The memo provides recommendations on approaches to implementation. Submitted to the Department of Homeland Security Citizenship and Immigration Services on January 27, 2010.

“Comments and alternative form on Proposed Child Victim Rule” submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services by Legal Momentum, June 4, 2009

“Comments on Form I-929, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Nonimmigrant,” Legal Momentum submitted comments on the proposed form DHS will use when U-visa crime victims are applying to provide U visa protection to their family members. We argued that the form should provide information about fee waiver, the any credible evidence standard and should list the full range of extreme hardship factors. April 29, 2009.

“Jump in VAWA Unit Denial Rate and Denials of Cases of Victims Legally Eligible for VAWA or U-Visa Relief.” Memorandum to the Office of Senator Leahy describing problems with Violence Against Women Act case processing at the Department of Homeland Security’s Vermont Service Center. February 16, 2009

“VAWA Fix It Memorandum” to Matt Virkstis of Senator Leahy’s office, January 6, 2009

“Stabilizing and Sustaining the VAWA Unit at Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS” Memo to House DHS Appropriations Chairman David Pryce’s Office on the need to stabilize and sustain the VAWA Unit at the Vermont Service Center, to return fax-back verification to the Unit and to assure that supervisors of the Unit have experience and expertise on Violence Against Women, Trafficking and Crime Victims issues. Washington, D.C. March 27, 2008.

“Stabilizing and Sustaining the VAWA Unit at Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS” Memo to Senator Leahy’s Judiciary Committee office on the need to stabilize and sustain the VAWA Unit at the Vermont Service Center, to return fax-back verification to the Unit and to assure that supervisors of the Unit have experience and expertise on Violence Against Women, Trafficking and Crime Victims issues. This memo included draft TVPRA language. Washington, D.C. April 11, 2008.

“Violence Against Immigrant Women Act of 2007” Worked with Senator Clinton’s office to get the Schakowsky Bill/WISH incorporated into the current Senate Bill as an amendment or part of the Manager’s Package. May 2007.

Toured Border Patrol Station in San Diego and met with officials to discuss options for reducing detentions of immigrant victims. September 2006, CA. With telephone follow up meeting, December 2006.

“Violence Against Women Act of 2005: Protections for Immigrant Victims,” Worked with the offices of Senator Kennedy, Senator Biden, Senator Specter and Senator Brownback and Representative Conyers, Representative Sensenbrenner and Representative Schakowsky to draft and secure passage of enhanced immigration protections for immigrant victims. Played a key role in forging bi-partisan relationships that led to full passage of VAWA 2005. 2003-2006. Became law in January, 2006.

“Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization.” Presented briefing for the Congressional Women’s Caucus on VAWA III’s immigration provisions. Washington, D.C., March 29, 2005.

“Intervening to Secure the Vermont Service Center VAWA Unit,” Letter to the Ombudsman for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services advocating that the VAWA Unit be properly staffed by trained adjudicators to do not regularly rotate and that experienced supervisors not be removed from the unit. Letter was developed together with the co-coordinators of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. September 30, 2004.

“Strategy Meeting For National Groups Working Advocating For Underserved Populations of Women of Color To Discuss VAWA III,” participated with National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Victim allies in strategy session discussions to analyze how VAWA III can be improved to better serve the needs of immigrant victims. Washington, D.C., September 15, 2004.

“Battered Immigrant Technical Corrections Needed.” Developed a memorandum a the request of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives majority counsel on proposed legislation for further improvements for immigration protections for immigrant victims. May 30, 2003.

“INS Construction of Section 2435(a) and (c) Amendments Made By the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 and Their Interaction With INA Section 212(a)(6)(A).” Collaborated with the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild in submitting a legal memorandum to Owen Cooper INS General Counsel for the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. July 13, 2001.

“Continued Need for a Dedicated VAWA Unit at the Vermont Service Center.” Developed and submitted to the Supervisor of the VAWA Unit at the Vermont Service Center a memorandum outlining why INS Vermont should have a dedicated unit and dedicated staff to handle VAWA self-petitioning cases. March 28, 2001.

“VAWA 2000 Immigration Implementation: Immediate Need for Policy Guidance and Field Directives.” Developed and submitted a memorandum to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in collaboration with an advisory team from the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. October 31, 2000.

“VAWA 2000 Immigration Implementation: Needed Regulations.” Developed and submitted a memorandum to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in collaboration with an advisory team from the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. October 31, 2000.

“New Immigration Protections for Battered Immigrant Women and Immigrant Crime Victims.” Provided technical assistance to members of Congress in a bi-partisan effort that successfully included immigration protections in and helped pass the Violence Against Women Act of 2000. Washington, D.C. 1999 – October 2000.

“The Violence Against Women Act of 2000.” Worked with the offices of Senator Kennedy, Senator Abraham, Senator Hatch and Senator Biden and Representative Morella, Representative Schakowsky, Representative Conyers, and Representative McCollum writing the protections for immigrant victims of VAWA 2000 which included expanding VAWA funding to ensure that all funding streams could be used to provide representation in immigration matters for immigrant victims, created the U-visa for crime victims and the T-visa for human trafficking victims and expanded VAWA immigration relief. 1998-2000.

“Memorandum to House Immigration Subcommittee Clarifying Open Questions That Were Not Adequately Addressed at the June 20, 2000 Hearing on H.R. 3083.” Washington, D.C. July 27, 2000.

“Testimony on the Battered Immigrant Women’s Protection Act of 1999.” Testified before the House Immigration Sub-Committee in support of these provisions, assisted in recruitment of other speakers and provided expert assistance to House staffers in preparing for this hearing. Briefed Representatives Sheila Jackson-Lee and Jan Schakowsky on this issues contained in this bill. Washington, D.C. June 20, 2000.

“Memorandum to Office of Justice Programs Discussing Several Improvements Needed to VAWA Implementations that Should be Included in the Final VAWA Self-Petitioning Regulations.” Washington, D.C., June 5, 2000.

“Addressing the Needs of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: The Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act of 1999 (H.R. 3083),” Congressional staff briefing providing an overview of these provisions and the relief they provide to battered immigrant women. Washington, D.C. February 7, 2000

“Cost Assessment of Battered Women Protection Act of 1999.” Memorandum presented to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky. Washington, D.C. November, 1999.

“Working to End Violence Against Women: Challenges for the New Millennium - Violence Against Immigrant Women,” Congressional Staff Briefing. Washington, D.C. November 12, 1999.

“Battered Immigrants Applying for Relief Under the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act.” Submitted comments on behalf of Ayuda and the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women highlighting the need to include in NACARA cases domestic violence extreme hardship factors. Washington, D.C. January 21, 1999.

“Violence Against Women Act II - Immigration Provisions.” Provided technical assistance to Representative Conyers and Senators Biden and Kennedy in the drafting of both House and Senate versions of this legislation. Washington, D.C. July 1997 - September 1998.

“The Violence Against Women Act Restoration Act.” Provided technical assistance to Representative Connie Morella and Senators Biden, Kennedy, Wellstone, Abraham and Hatch in drafting this legislation aimed at restoring access to VAWA’s immigration provisions to battered immigrants cut off from relief by subsequent immigration legislation. Washington, D.C. February 1998-October 1998.

“Interim Rule: Prima Facie Review of Form I-360.” Submitted comments on the Prima Facie Review of Form I-360 to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Washington, D.C. November 13, 1997.

“The Kennedy Amendment” Worked with the office of Senator Kennedy securing passage of a Budget amendment that restored the ability of Legal Services Corporation funded programs to represent non-citizen victims of domestic violence abused by their spouses or parents. 1997.

“Comment to INS Proposed Rule, 61 Federal Register 44227-44230. Expectations to the Educational Requirements for Naturalization for Certain Applicants INS No.1702-96.” Wrote comments to Immigration and Naturalization Service’s urging INS to change the definition of mental impairment in current regulation so that it would not penalize battered immigrant women suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder. Washington, D.C. October 7, 1996.

“Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.” Worked with the offices of Representative Lamar Smith, Representative Morella, Representative Conyers, and Representative Schroder and with the office of Senator Kennedy, Senator Simpson, Senator Wellstone and Senator Hatch to secure inclusion in this legislation immigration protections and access to public benefits for battered immigrants abused by their citizen and lawful permanent resident spouses and parents and new VAWA confidentiality protections for immigrant victims. 1995-1996.

“Consultation on Application of Violence Against Women Act Immigration Provisions,” for Representative George Gekis (R-PA). Washington, D.C. July 15, 1996.

“Implementation of the Violence Against Women Act: Battered Immigrant Women.” Submitted testimony to the Senate Oversight Committee on the Violence Against Women Act highlighting INS implementation of VAWA and the effect that cutting off immigrants from legal services has had on battered immigrant women eligible for VAWA relief. Washington, D.C. May 10, 1996.

“The Need for Immigration Regulations Implementing the Violence Against Women Act to Contain Detailed List of Domestic Violence Factors Relevant to Proving Extreme Hardship.” Prepared a memorandum for the Department of Justice Violence Against Women Office supplemented by stories of battered immigrant women across the country that would benefit from including in the immigration regulations a list of factors that battered women can submit to prove extreme hardship. Washington, D.C. December 19, 1995.

“Legislation Affecting Battered Immigrant Women.” Provided information to Sheila Wellstone on domestic violence and welfare reform and the effect it will have on the lives of battered women. Washington, D.C. November 30, 1995.

“Implementing the Violence Against Women Act Immigration Relief for Battered Immigrant Women in Florida.” Presented testimony before the Florida Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence. Fort Lauderdale, Florida. October 11, 1995.

“The Violence Against Women Act of 1994.” Led national advocacy for inclusion of protections for immigrant victims, women of color and underserved populations and participated in drafting and securing passage of VAWA with the offices of Senator Biden, Senator Hatch, Senator Simpson and Senator Kennedy and Representative

Morella, Representative Schroder, Representative Schumer, Representative Brooks and Representative Slaughter. 1992 to 1994.

"Protection for Battered Immigrant Women Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act." Provided technical assistance to Senators Biden and Kennedy and Congresspersons Schroeder, Slaughter, Morella and Schumer in successfully drafting, negotiating and securing in the final Crime Bill legislation changes to immigration law that will allow battered immigrant women married to citizens and residents to file their own immigration papers and escape violent homes. Coordinated and led a collective effort by organizations who are members of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women and coordinated efforts with domestic violence and women's groups who were working for passage of this legislation. Washington, D.C. 1992 through September 14, 1994.

"The Need for Passage of the Violence Against Women Act." Testimony presented before the House Republican Research Committee at their hearing on "Domestic Violence: Families in Crisis." Presented testimony to counter allegations of anti-feminists that legislation was not needed. Washington, D.C. July 28, 1994.

"Comments on Interim Rule 8 CFR 3.27(c) Implementing the Battered Spouse Waiver." Submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Falls Church, Virginia, May 6, 1992.

"Comments on Interim Immigration and Naturalization Service Regulations Promulgated Under the Marriage Fraud Act of 1990 -- Expressing Concerns About Regulations Treatment of Battered Spouse Waivers." Submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Washington, D.C., June 17, 1990.

#### **TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIM VISAS (U VISAS)**

Leslye E. Orloff, "Denials of U Visa Certifications by the Chicago Police Department" interview with Carols Ballesteros a reporter from Injustice Watch on U visa certification connected the reporter with law enforcement officials with expertise on U visa certification. (October 12, 2022)

U and T Visa Certification Protocol for Maryland Courts: provided editorial assistance to the Maryland Judiciary on the development of this proposed policy. (July 11, 2022)

Proposed Trafficking Victim's Protection Act Amendments to add Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality Amendments. Proposed amendments would provide the same VAWA confidentiality protections to trafficking victim grants as apply to Office on Violence Against Women grants. Consultation for Freedom Network USA (September 28, 2021).

"Comments on T Visa Regulations: Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Human Trafficking in Persons – Eligibility for T Non Immigrant Status" NIWAP's comments focused on the trauma exception to the T visa's cooperation requirement and the need to implement VAWA 2005 statutes directing DHS to not reinstate removal against VAWA, T or U visa applicants. (September 13, 2021).

"Comments on T Visa Regulations." NIWAP assisted Freedom Network USA and Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA) reviewing and providing suggested line edits to each of these organization's proposed T visa comments focusing primarily on adding detailed information on VAWA confidentiality requirements under \* U.S.C. 1367 and VAWA and T visa legislative and regulatory history. (September 3 and 7, 2021).

Leslye E. Orloff, "Urgent Reforms Needed in the U Visa Program" Essay published by the Niskanen Center in the Essay Series Redefining Immigration Reform: How Immigration Supports American Ideals (November 2020)

"Meeting Between State and Federal Prosecutors and DHS, USCIS and ICE Staff on the Impact That The Blank Space Policy Has on the Work of Prosecutors" (October 28, 2020)

"Collection and Use of Biometrics by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – NIWAP Public Comments on Proposed Rule" (October 13, 2020)

Analyzed and Calculated Arrest Histories of U Visa Recipients and Their Children using data contained in a report published by USCIS (September 10, 2020)

Stories from Law Enforcement and Prosecutors on the U Visa Helping Solve Crimes, collected stories that document the extent to which when victims come forward in U visa cases it helps solve not only that case but a wide range of other crimes. Submitted to policy staff at the Department of Homeland Security (August 27, 2020)

NIWAP Blank Space Letter From Law Enforcement and Prosecution Officials, On the behalf of NIWAP's law enforcement partners, NIWAP drafted and submitted a letter to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) out of concern for two new policies imposed by USCIS that change its decisions about which U and T Visas will be accepted as filed. The letter expresses the impact that these policies are having on criminal investigations and prosecutions across the country as it interferes with justice system participation by immigrant victims, among other issues. (May 21, 2020)

Zoe Gluck and Leslye E. Orloff, "Request for USCIS to Accept Prior Edition of Form I-918 Supplement B through December 31, 2019." Letter to USCIS signed by NIWAP and NIWAP's law enforcement faculty requesting an extension of time before USCIS will stop accepting the 2017 edition of Form I-918 B through December 31, 2019 in order to prevent victims from having to obtain new certifications in cases victims have already filed or were in the process of filing when the 2019 form was issued. USCIS agreed to extend the period of time during which the 2017 form would be accepted. (June 7, 2019)

Leslye E. Orloff "Affidavit Documenting the U Visa Statute's Purpose in Allowing Multiple U Visa Certifying Officials." This affidavit was developed for a case of an immigrant victim represented by Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid and documents how in a sexual assault case when a child victim fled from one jurisdiction to another and law enforcement officials in the jurisdiction to which the child fled identified the rape, that both law enforcement officials in the jurisdiction where the victim suffered the rape and the jurisdiction to which the child fled and revealed the rape to law enforcement officials can sign U visa certifications on the child's behalf. Austin, Texas (April 10, 2020)

"Legislative History of the U Visa and the Violence Against Women Act of 2005," project reviewing hard copy files containing the complete legislative history and the drafting history from VAWA 2005 (2019 to the present)

"U Visa Stays of Removal Cases" Advocated that DHS require ICE to release the full ICE policy 11005.2 on Requests for and Procedures for Processing Stays of Removal in U visa cases. (February 27, 2020)

"Stay of Removal Requests and Removal Proceedings Involving U Nonimmigrant Status (U Visa) Petitioners 11005.2," NIWAP analysis submitted to DHS arguing that this full policy should be published and identifying the substantive portions of the policy that are not discussed in the summary published by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (February 27, 2020)

"Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program Data Collection, comments of NIWAP to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs." NIWAP submitted comments to address the HHS' Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program (DVHT) to address possible VAWA Confidentiality violations on the proposed information collection forms for DVHT programs. (February 26, 2020)

"Victims of Crime Act Funding for State Government Agency Work with Immigrant Victims" NIWAP was contacted by The Department of Labor in Kansas, Child Protective Services in Mississippi and Adult Protective Services in Missouri. Each of these agencies was interested in receiving training for their staff and developing and implementing policies on U visa certification for their staff. NIWAP met with Heather Warnken (DOJ) to discuss whether state agencies could receive VOCA funding to undertake this work, learned that it was allowed under the



current regulations, conveyed the information back to the agencies and NIWAP is having ongoing discussions with two of these agencies about the issue. (January 10, 2020)

“Series of Planning Calls with the Secretary of Labor for the State of Kansas” discussed assistance NIWAP could offer the Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia, in drafting U and T visa certification regulations, implementing U and T visa certification practices within the Department of Labor and other state government agencies, developing an implementation strategy for the Department and providing in-person and webinar training for DOL staff on U and T Visa certification. (September 4, 2019 – January 21, 2020 and March, 2020))

“Consultations with Missouri Adult Protective Services senior staff and a board member of the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)” on best practice for U and T visa certification by APS staff and the need for training of APS leadership and staff (October 2019 to March 2020)

“Annotated USCIS U Visa Resource Guide” Includes annotations identifying where the resource guide differs from U visa regulations, regulations preamble and the U visa statute. (December 2, 2019)

“Meeting with Justin Matthes from Department of Homeland Security” Meeting to discuss the intersection of law enforcement, prosecution, immigration, protections for immigrant victims of crime, and human trafficking (December 2, 2019)

“National Sheriff’s Association Draft Resolution on U and T Visa Certification” drafted proposed policy to be considered by the Crime Victim Services Committee of the National Sheriff’s Association for passage by the NSA (November 22, 2019)

“Proposed Rules Special Immigrant Juvenile Petitions, 76 FR 23534. Comments of the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project.” The Comments analyzed the current statute, the regulations, the USCIS Policy Manual on Special Immigrant Juveniles as well as the three adopted decisions of the Administrative Appeals Office, *Matter of D-Y-S-C-* 2019-02 (AAO Oct. 11, 2019), *Matter of A-O-C-* 2019-03 (AAO Oct. 11, 2019) and *Matter of E-A-L-O-* 2019-04 (AAO Oct. 11, 2019) and provided both support for positions taken in the proposed regulations and/or the AAO decisions and provided suggestions about how the proposed regulations could be improved. (November 15, 2019)

“Participated in multiple discussions with Laura Morel” Leslye Orloff was later quoted in Morel’s article “The U Visa is Supposed to Help Protect Immigrants and Solve Crimes. But Police are Undermining it” (November 7, 2019)

“USCIS Listening Session on U Visa Certification” with Law Enforcement and Prosecution Officials, recruited and prepared law enforcement officials to participate in this listening session (October 16, 2019)

USCIS Listening Session on U Visa Certification with victim advocates, attorneys and state Prosecutor’s associations. Participated and recruited and prepared others to participate in this listening session (October 16, 2019)

Consultations on U Visas and Help a State Department of Labor Can Offer Immigrant Survivors of Workplace Violence for the Kansas Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia, (October, 2019 to 2020)

Consultations with Missouri Adult Protective Services senior staff and a board member of the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) on best practice for U and T visa certification by APS staff and the need for training of APS leadership and staff (October, 2019 to 2020)

Annotated the USCIS U Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide with Interlineations comparing U visa regulations, preamble, and statutory language. Sent to Kathy Nuebel-Kovarik, Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, Maureen

Dunn, Division Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, Justin Matthes, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Julie Kirchner, Ombudsman, and Cameron Quinn, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (October 1, 2019)

“Letter to the Department of Homeland Security providing an analysis of US Citizenship and Immigration Service’s August 2019 Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide.” The Letter provides detail on the legislative history of the U visa program, the U visa regulations, and regulatory history and outlines where the 2019 Resource Guide is inconsistent with the statute and regulations. Includes an annotated version of the 2019 Resource Guide with comparisons to the text of the regulations, statute and preamble to the regulations. (September 29, 2019)

“Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Policies on the Revision of Stay of Removal Request Reviews for U Visa Petitioners.” This FOIA requested ICE to make publicly available a copy of the new Immigration and Customs’s Enforcement (ICE) Directive 11005.2. The new policy changed rules and procedures of Stay of Removal Requests for U visa Petitioners. (September 19, 2019)

Zoe Gluck and Leslye E. Orloff, “Request for USCIS to Accept Prior Edition of Form I-918 Supplement B through December 31, 2019.” Letter to USCIS signed by law enforcement faculty requesting for an extension for USCIS to accept the 2017 edition of Form I-918 B through December 31, 2019 (June 7, 2019).

Leslye E. Orloff, reviewed and provided expert assistance to the Tahirih Justice Center and the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors with proposed edits to potential legislation to deter child marriage and protect individuals are risk for or who are victims of forced marriages. Falls Church, Virginia (January 25, 2019).

Assisted researchers at John Hopkins University School of Nursing in recruiting translators for their weWomen study. This research study recruited immigrant and refugee women to develop and test a culturally adapted safety decision aid for immigrant and refugee women. The confidential app/website is being created to empower immigrant and refugee women to make informed decisions about their relationships, health, and safety. (December 2018)

Police Executive Research Forum, T Visas Protect Victims of Human Trafficking and Strengthen Community Relationship. NIWAP provided expert review and editorial assistance related to this publication (November 19, 2018).

T and U Visa Resolution passed the Victims Services Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. NIWAP provided the Chief David Porter, Chair of the committee and IACP staff with links to NIWAP’s OVW and BJA funded model policy discussion paper and U visa certification toolkit asking that a link to the model policy be included in the IACP final resolution promoting T and U visa certification by police departments. (May 18, 2018)

Leslye E. Orloff, Letter to the Editor of the New Yorker, commenting on Sarah Stillman’s article “When Deportation is a Death Sentence” discussing the fact that the victim that the story leads off with would have been a U visa victim had the first police officer she encountered told her about the U visa program. (January 18, 2018 – not published)

VAWA, T, U, Continued Presence and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Infographic. Meeting with Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign staff on an infographic they are developing to provide legal rights information to immigrants at detention centers, whom Border Patrol is processing and whom USCIS, ICE and CBP encounter in their work. Washington, D.C. (October 14, 2016)

Leslye E. Orloff and Benish Anver, “U Visa Certifications in Employment Based Abuse Cases” Cover memo for a series of charts NIWAP developed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security tracking state by state laws on forced labor, slave trade, slavery, involuntary servitude and peonage to facilitate adjudication, reduce

requests for further evidence and minimize the number of cases that USCIS needs to adjudicate “similar” criminal activities. In each chart we identify U visa criminal activities included within state law definitions of these crimes. (October 14, 2016)

Leslye E. Orloff and Benish Anver, “U Visa Certifications by the Department of Labor” Cover memo for a series of charts NIWAP developed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor tracking state by state laws on forced labor, slave trade, slavery, involuntary servitude and peonage. In each chart we identify U visa criminal activities included within state law definitions of these crimes. (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix I – States with Forced Labor Statutes” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix II – States with Forced Labor mentioned in other Statutes” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix III – States with Slave Trade Statutes” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix IV – States with Involuntary Servitude Statutes” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix V – States with Involuntary Servitude Mentioned in Other Statutes” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix VI – States with Involuntary Servitude and Slavery (Slave Trade) in the State Constitution and in Statute” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix VII – States with Peonage Statutes” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, “Appendix VIII – States with Peonage Mentioned in Other Statutes” State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Infographic to Educate Victims About Crime Victim Related Immigration Cases for Which They May Qualify. Met with representatives from the DSH Ombudsman’s Office. Washington D.C. (September 7, 2016)

“Victim Units at Border Patrol Meeting” Met with Karen Saunders former Border Patrol supervisor and founder of the country’s first VAWA Victim Unit in the San Diego Sector of Border Patrol. This unit identified immigrant crime victims who qualified for immigration relief and connected them with legal and victim services. Meeting was to discuss improvements to the computer systems and training of Border Patrol Agents on VAWA, T, and U visas and VAWA confidentiality. San Diego, California (August 29, 2016)

“Family Court Representation Permitted for Non-Citizen Parents and Guardians When Representation Benefits Immigrant Children Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking or Other U-Visa Listed Criminal Activity.” National outreach advertising Advisory Opinion 2016-002 (Revised) issued by the General Counsel of the Legal Services Corporation (August 26, 2016)

“Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence and Sexual Harassment on Campus” Meeting with American University alum James Ferg-Cadima, U.S. Department of Education. Washington, D.C. (August 8, 2016)

Training Videos and Training Opportunities on Serving VAWA, T and U Visa Victims and DHS Victim Protections Meeting with Connie Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and lead DHS Blue Campaign Staff to discuss training videos and trainings FLETC could develop for law enforcement officials FLETC trains on the T and U visa programs and DHS victim protection policies. The meeting also discussed how FLETC could incorporate information at VAWA, T and U visa and Victim Witness policies in existing trainings FLETC is doing for federal, state and local law enforcement officials. FLTEC agreed to assist in advertising our OVW funded trainings to their law enforcement lists. (July 27, 2016)

“Parole for Wait List Approved U Visa Victims and Implementation of VAWA Self-Petitioning for Abused Spouses of Cubans” National outreach on two new policies issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services that greatly benefits immigrant crime victims. (September 8, 2016)

“The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Should Issue a Policy Memorandum Interpreting “Supervisory Role” in the U Visa Regulations” Memorandum sent to the General Counsel of USCIS urging them to issue policy guidance that allows police departments, sheriff’s, prosecutors and the heads of other U visa certifying agencies to designate an agency employee with supervisory over either other persons or over an area of subject matter expertise for the agency to receive a delegation of authority to sign U visa certifications for the agency. Washington, D.C. (July 25, 2016)

“Improvements to the U Visa Certification Form and Process.” NIWAP submitted comments to DHS on the U Visa Certification form (I-918B) and suggested improvements that clarify the information gathered. NIWAP worked with its judicial and law enforcement training staff to submit comprehensive suggestions to improve the form. This included adjusting the form to accommodate judges signing the certification by including language that clarifies their role as certifiers. NIWAP also included a formal request that DHS expand U visa certification to grant the head of certifying agencies that authority to designate any staff member of the agency certification authority not limited to supervisors to include subject matter experts and agency staff with specialized training. These comments were submitted in response to Notice for Agency Information Collection Activities: Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, Form I-918, and Supplements A and B of Form I-918; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection (81 Fed. Reg. 01763, Jan. 29, 2016). (February 28, 2016)

“Training and Outreach to Law Enforcement on U Visa Certification and T Visa Declarations.” Met with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy and USCIS Communications staff to discuss strategies for collaboration on law enforcement training. Topics included involving USCIS staff in trainings NIWAP conducts for law enforcement under NIWAP’s OVW grant and obtaining access to the information USCIS collects on VAWA and U visa case processing, RFE and approval/denial rates. (Washington, DC) (April 7, 2016)

Conference call with Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign about collaboration efforts including U visa certification. (February 3, 2016)

“Improvements to the U Visa Certification Form and Process” submitted comments to DHS on the U Visa Certification form (I-918B) and suggested improvements. These included adjusting the form to accommodate judges signing the certification by including language that clarifies their role as certifiers. Also included submitting research data and analysis urging that DHS expand U visa certification to grant the head of certifying agencies that authority to designate any staff member of the agency certification authority not limited to supervisors to include subject matter experts and agency staff with specialized training. February 28, 2016.

“DHS Blue Campaign meeting: T/U Visa Certification” Discussion on Training and Policy. Met with Blue Campaign staff at DHS to discuss training opportunities for law enforcement on the U and T visas, including developing training modules for law enforcement that can receive approval POST law enforcement training approval. Washington, D.C. February 17, 2016.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security updated their U visa resource guide entitled “U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide for Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Judges, and Other Government Agencies.” NIWAP staff served as subject matter experts assisting the department with this update providing material regarding U visa certification by judges and providing updated information about challenges being encountered by law enforcement. (November 30, 2015)

“U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide for Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Judges, and Other Government Agencies” Provided subject matter expertise assisting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in updating this resource guide to include U visa certification by judges and providing updated information about challenges being encountered by law enforcement. (November 30, 2015).

Meeting with Casa de Esperanza. Leslye E. Orloff, Meaghan Fitzpatrick and Benish Anver met with Andrea Carcamo-Carvazos (WCL JD 2014), legal director for Casa de Esperanza. NIWAP staff offered consultation assistance in the development of a national U visa project focusing on drafting and securing the passage of model state legislation requiring that law enforcement agencies receiving state funding be required to have U visa certification practices and policies that result in U visa certification and are consistent with Department of Homeland Security policies and training materials on the U Visa. (August 21, 2015)

Editor/ Contributor to “Immigrant Crime Victims & U-Visa Certification: What it is and Why Should Judges Care? Ten facts that every judge (and attorney/officer) Should Know.” National Version. The Hon. Alan F. Pendleton requested assistance regarding a training update for judges and U visa certifications. NIWAP assisted Judge Pendleton by reviewing a draft of this publication and connecting Hon. Pendleton with an Adjudications Officer from the Office of Policy & Strategy at USCIS. (July 17, 2015)

Editor/ Contributor to “Immigrant Crime Victims & U-Visa Certification: What it is and Why Should Judges Care? Ten facts that every judge (and attorney/officer) Should Know.” Minnesota Training Advisory. The Hon. Alan F. Pendleton requested assistance regarding a training update for judges and U visa certifications. (July 8, 2015)

“USCIS Parole Meeting.” Advocacy groups met with USCIS officials to discuss the implementation of parole procedures for U visa petitioners and qualifying family members based on existing parole guidelines and congressional intent of the U visa program, and share case examples to illustrate the need for parole guidelines implementation. Washington, D.C. March 6, 2015.

“Meeting with Maureen Dunn, Chief, Family Immigration & Victim Protection Division (DHS).” Met with DHS to discuss potential updates to the U visa regulations to address ambiguities and DHS input for a newsletter on U visa certifications by judges. Washington, D.C. February 26, 2015.

“Meeting with Customs and Border Patrol Leadership.” Met to discuss treatment of immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking encountered by CPB officials. This meeting included a detailed discussion of VAWA confidentiality implementation. Submitted findings from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Study, a nationwide study conducted by NIWAP at a meeting with senior leadership at the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The study gathered information for attorneys, advocates and other victim service providers in border communities to gauge the interactions of CBP and immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and other U visa listed crimes. September 10, 2014.

“Improved Access to Work Authorization and Removing Restrictive Supervisor Requirement.” Led Meeting with Director Alejandro Mayorkas, Leadership and Issue Experts from all components of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services advocating for reforms in processing of U Visa and VAWA self-petitioning cases that will result in victims obtaining work authorization within 6 months of filing their immigration cases. This meeting

also discussed ways to provide Police Chiefs and Sheriffs more local control over who they can designate to sign U visa certifications. NIWAP staff (Director, Fellow, Seminar Student), Officer Michael LaRiviere and former Director, DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women and former Dallas Prosecutor, Cindy Dyer attended the meeting, Washington, D. C. December 6, 2014.

“Proportion of Persons Murdering Police Officers With Domestic Violence Histories and Immigrant Survivors Policy Reform Needs.” NIWAP staff (Director, Fellow, and Seminar Student) and Officer Michael LaRiviere participated in a meeting with the Director and the Policy Director of the DOJ Office on Violence Against Women. Washington, D. C. December 6, 2014.

Katrina Castillo and Leslye E. Orloff, Eliminating the Requirement That All Certifiers must be Supervisors. Submitted to White House Violence Against Women and Immigration Staff. October 22, 2013.

“U Visa Certification Policies: Collection, Review and Comparison.” Collected U visa certification policies from law enforcement jurisdiction across the country, compared and categorized their provisions. Produced a spreadsheet and topical documents that were submitted to DHS and law enforcement leadership at the Police Chief’s meeting NIWAP convened. June 13, 2013.

“Age-Out Protection for Derivative U Nonimmigrant Status Holders: Pending Petitions, Initial Approvals and Extensions of Status.” Submitted Comments to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Proposed Policies for processing U-visas for children of immigrant crime victims who were under the age of 21 at the time of filing the victim’s U-visa. January 10, 2013.

“Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Department of Homeland Security.” Completed the initial script draft for, identified law enforcement U-visa expert to participate in and provided on the set expert assistance for development of two roll call training videos for state and local law enforcement on U and T visa certifications. Brunswick, Georgia. November 16, 2012 and Washington D.C. January 10, 2013.

“Public Advocate, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Meeting” Met to discuss how VAWA Confidentiality is currently being implemented at Integration of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Also discussed broadening contexts in which ICE would certify U-Visa cases. October 15, 2012.

“Meeting with Department of Homeland Security staff regarding training of local law enforcement on U-visa certification.” At this meeting NIWAP was asked to draft an initial script that DHS would use to write a 10 minute roll call video for local law enforcement on the U-visa. Students in our Immigrant Women Law and Policy seminar developed draft scripts as part of their homework. Based on the scripts submitted NIWAP worked with law enforcement faculty under our Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant and a seminar student developed the draft script which NIWAP submitted to DHS. August 28, 2012 – September 27, 2012.

“Conference Call to Collect Examples of How the U-Visa Works for Law Enforcement” Led national conference call for law enforcement officials and prosecutors on U-visa certification. August 27, 2012.

“Helpfulness of U Visas for Law Enforcement” Testimony of law enforcement officials at Senate Judiciary Committee Briefing, Washington, D.C. October 13, 2011.

“Department of Homeland Security Round Table on Women and Comprehensive Immigration Reform” Washington, D.C. September 23, 2009.

“Comments on the Interim Rule on Adjustment of Status for T and U Nonimmigrants” submitted by Legal Momentum and the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, February 10, 2009

“Letter in support of the nomination of Lou DeBaca as Ambassador at Large for Slavery and Trafficking.” Letter of support to President Obama. January, 2009

“The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2008.” Worked with the offices of Senator Brownback and Senator Biden, Senator Clinton, and Senator Kennedy, and Representative Berman and Representative Conyers on this legislation. 2007-2008.

“Memorandum To Office on Budget and Management In Support Of Issues Raised by Legal Momentum On The T and U-visa Adjustment of Status Rule” Wrote memorandum to the OMB on a range of issues including need for rule to be effective immediately, no need for multiple certifications, legislative and statutory history of any credible evidence, adjustment for victims with T visas or U interim relief for over four years, needs of child trafficking victims, fee waivers for immigrant victims and counting time in continued presence toward three year wait for adjustment. Washington, D.C. September 20, 2008.

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“T and U visa adjustment of status” Sought and received a meeting at the Office of Management and Budget with OMB and Department of Homeland Security Staff on the T and U visa adjustment rule under consideration at OMB. Washington DC, September 8, 2008.

“Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman/Implementation of U-Visas,” participated in meeting with the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman’s office at the Department of Homeland Security. Washington, DC. August 26, 2008.

“DHS Response to Chairwoman Zoe Lofgren, House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration Regarding the Need for Issuance of T and U Visa Adjustment Regulations.” The DHS letter to Chairwoman Lofgren specifically recognizes Legal Momentum’s advocacy on this issue. Washington, D.C. August 4, 2008.

“DHS’ Failure to Issue T-Visa and U-Visa Adjustment of Status Rule” Developed and submitted sign on letter to Secretary Chertoff on behalf of 59 organizations across the country asking that the Secretary support the immediate publication of the interim rule on adjustment of status for T and U nonimmigrant visa holders, Washington DC June 16, 2008.

“DHS’ Failure to Issue T-Visa and U-Visa Adjustment of Status Rule” Created letter from the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women to Secretary Chertoff in support of the publication of the interim rule on adjustment of status for T and U nonimmigrant visa holders, Washington DC June 10, 2008.

“Implementation of U-Visa Certifications in Immigration and Customs Enforcement.” Consultation with Department of Homeland Security. Washington, D.C. February 1, 2008.

“U Visa Regulations,” Meeting with the Office of Management and Budget (Susan Dudley), Department of Homeland Security, and Office of the Vice President concerning the U-Visa rule being transferred from DHS to the OMB. May 25, 2007.

“Good Cause Justification For Issuance of Interim “U Visa” Regulations and VAWA [Violence Against Women Act] Regulations.” Memo distributed to Susan Dudley of OIRA-OMB (Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs – Office of Management and Budget) and Jim Holm from the office of Representative David Price (D-4th NC) concerning the transfer of the U-Visa rule from the Department of Homeland Security to the Office of Management and Budget. Washington, D.C. March 22, 2007.

“Protection and Services for Trafficking Victims in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act: Fact Sheet and Section By Section Chart.” Created fact sheet and chart tracking and explaining the provisions in the TVPRA. August to September 2008.

“Implementation of U-Visa Certifications in Immigration and Customs Enforcement.” Consultation with Department of Homeland Security. Washington, D.C. February 1, 2007.

“Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.” Signed on to letter to the Secretary of State supporting Bradley Scholzman, the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri and the new director of the office. December 12, 2006.

“Trafficking T Visa Regulations Comments.” Provided comment and participated in as one of the organizations signing on to a letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the nonimmigrant T visa regulations. Washington, D.C. April 1, 2002.

“Trafficking Victims Protection Act.” Assisted staff of Congressman Hyde in identifying witnesses to testify at a Congressional hearing looking at implementation of the Trafficking Victim’s Protection Act including particularly the new T visa protections for trafficking victims. Consulted with witnesses from the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center and Equality Now in preparing their testimony for the hearing and in preparing for questions from members of Congress. Washington, D.C. November 29, 2001

“Trafficking Visa Regulations Recommendations With Regard to Treatment of Child Trafficking Victims.” Provided comment and participated in as one of the organizations signing on to a letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service urging that any T-visa regulations issued address the needs of children who are trafficking victims. This letter was developed by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Washington, D.C. October 2, 2001.

“T Visa Implementation Memo.” Developed and submitted a memorandum to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women and the Freedom Network with suggestions on how to implement the (T) visa for trafficking victims. May 7, 2001.

“Prima Facie Determinations in U-Visa Cases.” Memorandum to INS developed for the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. April 25, 2001.

“Stakeholders Meeting.” Participated in invitation only meeting with INS representatives to discuss implementation of the new T-visa for trafficking victims and the U-visa for crime victims. Washington, D.C. February 13, 2001.

“VAWA 2000 Immigration Implementation: U-Visa Implementation.” Assisted Gail Pendleton of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild in developing and submitting to the Immigration and Naturalization Services a memorandum on how INS should implement the new U-visa for immigrant crime victims. Washington, D.C. and Boston, MA, December 6, 2000.

“U-Visa Protections for Immigrant Crime Victims.” Worked with the office of Senator Abraham and Senator Kennedy to draft the U-visa protections of immigrant victims of family violence, sexual assault, trafficking, homicide, kidnapping, slavery, blackmail, extortion and obstruction of justice crimes. This legislation was included in the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 which became law in January of 2000.

“The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.” Worked with the offices of Senator Wellstone, Senator Brownback, Senator Kennedy, Senator Abraham, Representative Conyers, Representative Schakowsky and Representative Chris Smith on this legislation. 1999-2000. This legislation became law in January of 2000.

“Sense of Congress Resolution.” Provided technical assistance in the drafting of Senator Paul Wellstone and Senator Dianne Feinstein’s International Trafficking Sense of the Senate Resolution. Washington, D.C. March 9, 1998.

**VAWA CONFIDENTIALITY**



### VAWA Confidentiality Complaints and Work Helping With VAWA Confidentiality Violations

NIWAP regularly assists local counsel and victim advocates who are working on cases in which Department of Homeland Security Officials violated VAWA confidentiality laws by relying on abuser provided information to harm a victim, The harms include arrest, detention, questioning, or opening a removal case against a victim, seeking testimony from a perpetrator to use in case the victim has filed seeking an immigration benefit, and/or courthouse enforcement against victims. Some of the agencies NIWAP has worked with on these cases include:

- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, provided expert advice on the of our confidentiality men in response to a NOID, Notice of Intent to Deny in a VAWA self-petition case in which USCIS had violated VAWA confidentiality by sending a subpoena to and communicating with the abuser’s landlord (March 13, 2023)
- “Compliant in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas San Antonio Division” Provided editorial assistance and VAWA confidentiality expertise to lawyers filing the first case filed against DHS by a VAWA self-petitioner and VAWA cancellation of removal applicant for seeking relief for a victim who suffered numerous VAWA confidentiality violations committed by ICE, the immigration courts, the immigration judge, and USCIS (June 21, 2021).
- National Immigrant Justice Center. Assisted in the development of brief NIJC filed before the Board of Immigration Appeals arguing that the Board is required by Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Confidentiality laws when it publishes decisions in cases involving VAWA confidentiality protected VAWA, T and U visa cases to not publish the victim's name and instead publish the decision using only the victim's initials. This motion resulted in BIA republishing the cases using initials instead of the victims’ names. (May 18, 2020)
- San Antonio Law School Clinic assisted with case involving multiple violations of VAWA Confidentiality by ICE, USCIS and ICE counsel involving a VAWA self-petitioner in Texas (May 2019 to the present).
  - Wrote an amicus brief for the Board of Immigration Appeals in the first case to go to the Board that included significant VAWA confidentiality issues. NIWAP was represented by DLA Piper who filed the amicus brief. (March 24, 2020)
  - Connected the victim’s attorneys with pro bono attorneys at Winston and Strawn who represented the victim in a federal court habeas corpus action. The victim won the habeas action but was not released by the immigration judge at his bond hearing. (May 2019 to February 7, 2020)
- Immigrant Justice Center of Minnesota: Complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties about a VAWA Confidentiality Violence Case involving a VAWA self-petitioner in Minnesota. The complaint resulted in USCIS expediting approval of her VAWA self-petition. The victim is immediately eligible for lawful permanent residency. (February 6, 2019 – April, 2019)
- National Immigration Project of the National Lawyer’s Guild - Complaint filed with the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties asking that an investigation be opened on a VAWA Confidentiality violation occurring at a courthouse in Charlotte, North Carolina against an immigrant crime victim and her son who suffered assault (July 9, 2018)
- Americans for Immigrant Justice, Miami: Compliant filed with the Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security regarding a potential VAWA confidentiality violation leading to the arrest of an immigrant crime victim appearing in a state criminal domestic violence prosecution to testify as a witness. The arrest took place at the courthouse in Miami, Florida. (May 11, 2018)
- Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Assisted with complaint with the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties asking that an investigation be opened on a VAWA Confidentiality violation occurring at a courthouse in Honolulu Hawaii against an immigrant crime victim who suffered felonious assault. Washington, D.C. (September 22, 2017)

- Michigan Immigrant Rights Coalition Detroit Michigan: Assisted with a complaint filed with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties asking that an investigation be opened on a VAWA Confidentiality violation occurring at a courthouse Detroit Michigan against an immigrant crime victim of domestic violence. Washington, D.C. (July 13, 2017)
- Salem Police Department Salem Massachusetts: Leslye E. Orloff, Complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties about a VAWA Confidentiality Violence Case involving a VAWA self-petitioner in Salem (June 19, 2017).

VAWA Confidentiality and Discovery Series of consultations with family lawyers and prosecutors to assist them in countering perpetrators' attempts to obtain VAWA confidentiality protected information in a state court family law or criminal case. For:

- Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (March 2019 – August 2019);
- Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (Feb-April 2019);
- Legal Aid of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV (February 11, 2019);
- Denver District Attorneys, Denver, Colorado (August 3, 2018);
- Montgomery County Maryland Prosecutors, Rockville, MD (October 18, 2017);
- Immigration Clinic American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (December 21, 2016);
- Center for Judicial Education and Research, Judicial Council of California, San Francisco, CA (November 26, 2018 & July 29, 2013);
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Assistance with Alabama Case in which judge ordered mother and child family violence victims to self-deport. (August 12, 2014)
- Judge, San Francisco Superior Court, San Francisco, CA (July 29, 2014)
- Life Span, Chicago, IL (July 3, 2014)
- Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, AL and Centro de los Derechos del Migrante Baltimore, MD (February 12, 2014)
- Immigration Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law and VIDA Legal Assistance, Miami, FL (January 27, 2014);
- Prosecutor, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Women In Need, Chambersburg, PA (August 28, 2013);
- Safe Choice YWCA, Clark County (August 19, 2013)
- Atlanta Legal Aid, Atlanta, GA (June 28, 2013);
- My Sister's Place, White Plains, NY (December 19, 2012);
- Victim Rights Law Center, Boston MA (December 3, 2012);
- New York Legal Assistance Group, New York City, NY (November 2, 2012)
- Bay Area Legal Aid and San Francisco, Prosecutors (October 22, 2012)
- Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Pendleton, Oregon (October 17, 2012);
- Sanctuary for Families, New York City (July 18, 2012)

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, "Preventing 8 U.S.C. 1364 Violations in Family Based Adjudications" discussing steps USCIS should take that require interviewing of the immigrant spouse to screen for battering or extreme cruelty before denying a family based visa petition or lawful permanent residency application for marriage fraud. This was, submitted to the Council on Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (January 30, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, "Draft Standard Operating Procedure for Victims and VAWA Confidentiality" proposing policies and training that ICE and CBP should adopt to fully implement VAWA confidentiality's victim protections. This was, submitted to the Council on Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (January 30, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff and Roxana Sierra, “Extending VAWA Confidentiality and 384 Protections to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Eligible Immigrant Children”, submitted to the Council on Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (January 30, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff, “Improving 8 U.S.C. 1367 VAWA Compliance and Avoiding Harm to Abused Spouses and Children in I-130 Family Based Visa Petition Cases and I-485 Family Based Adjustments” submitted to the Office on Policy and Strategy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (November 28, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff contributed substantial editorial additions to the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors, “Recommendations for Additions to the EOIR and BIA Practice Manuals Implementing VAWA Confidentiality Protections” (June 5, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, “Draft Standard Operating Procedure for Victims and VAWA Confidentiality” proposing policies and training that ICE and CBP should adopt to fully implement VAWA confidentiality’s victim protections. This was, submitted at the request of Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (February 28, 2022)

“VAWA Confidentiality Training Now Mandatory for All Department of Homeland Security Staff” The Department of Homeland Security adopted a policy that NIWAP has been advocating for over the course of many years. All DHS staff working at Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Patrol and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will be required to take an on line mandatory training course once every three years on VAWA’s confidentiality law requirements that protect immigrant crime victims. Whether or not a staff member takes the course will be monitored as part of the employees’ performance review process. (September 2020).

Leslye E. Orloff, Memo to the Department of Homeland Security on VAWA confidentiality legislative history and VAWA 2005’s sense of Congress on not applying reinstatement of removal in cases of immigrant crime victims. (May 17, 2018)

“VAWA Confidentiality Implementation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and VAWA Self-Petition Legislative History.” Briefed and provided documentation to ICE officials on VAWA confidentiality and VAWA self-petitioning statutes, regulations, and implementing policies. (March 19, 2020)

“VAWA Confidentiality – Briefed DHS Headquarters Policy staff on VAWA confidentiality.” This included a discussion of common VAWA confidentiality violations and social science research on perpetrators efforts to turn victims into DHS for immigration enforcement after the victim has filed a VAWA confidentiality protected VAWA, T or U visa immigration case. Washington, D.C. (February 4, 2020).

“VAWA Self-Petitions Legislative and Regulator History and VAWA Confidentiality” NIWAP was interviewed extensively by Government Accounting Office Staff and prepared and submitted an extensive report on the history of VAWA self-petition adjudications, the training that the specialized VAWA unit has received and the expertise the VAWA unit has with regard to adjudications and fraud detection in the VAWA self-petitioning program. (November 8, 2018).

“VAWA Confidentiality and Immigration Enforcement Against Immigrant Crime Victims” meeting with staff at the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties Washington, D.C. (April 30, 2018)

“VINE VAWA Confidentiality Breach Meeting With Civil Rights Civil Liberties Staff” Met with CRCL staff the complaint NIWAP filed regarding ICE posting publically in the VINE database information that was VAWA confidentiality protected. Washington, D.C. (January 9, 2018)

Leslye E. Orloff, “DHS Complaint VINE Violence Against Women Confidentiality Violations.” When DHS launched the DHS Victim Information Notification Exchange (DHS VINE), the database include VAWA confidentiality protected personal and locational information about immigrant victims with pending and approved

VAWA, T and U visa applications. This complaint sought remedies for that breach including reforms in DHS and Immigration and Customs Enforcement policies, improved public communication about outcomes of investigations of VAWA confidentiality violations and a system for imposing statutorily authorized fines including ensuring that all fines collected are invested in supporting the adjudication of VAWA confidentiality protected cases filed by immigrant crime victims. Washington, D.C. (December 11, 2017)

Kavell Joseph, Amanda Davis, and Leslye Orloff, "Moving Battered Spouse Waiver Adjudications to the VAWA Unit: A Call for Consistency and Safety: National Survey Findings Highlights." Final Report submitted to the Office on Policy and Strategy, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (February 6, 2017)

"Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Battered Spouse Waiver Case Processing and Procedures" Submitted this request for case processing times and VAWA confidentiality procedures that are used by USCIS when adjudicating Battered Spouse Waiver Cases at USCIS District Offices (September 15, 2016)

"VAWA Confidentiality Training for Immigration and Customs Enforcement Trial Attorneys" Meeting with Department of Homeland Security General Counsel, Principal Legal Advisor of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and their staff. Washington, D.C. (August 8, 2016)

"Secured Release of Two VAWA Confidentiality Policies From the Department of Homeland Security." Secured release under the Freedom of Information Act of two 2007 policies that will help prevent the detention and removal of immigrant victims. The Office of the Principle Legal Advisor, DHS, VAWA 2005 Amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act and 8 U.S.C. Section 1367 (February 1, 2007) and Office of Detention and Removal Operations, DHS Interim Guidance Relating to Officer Procedure Following Enactment of VAWA 2005 (January 22, 2007). FOIA release date: December 15, 2015.

"Meeting with EEOC General Counsel P David Lopez" to discuss the EEOC's work on sexual harassment of immigrant and farmworker women and VAWA confidentiality issues that arise in EEOC cases. Washington, D.C. (December 7, 2015)

"Comments on Proposed Rule to Amend the Department of Homeland Security's Regulations under the Freedom of Information Act, 80 Fed. Reg. 45,101 (proposed Jul. 29, 2015) (to be codified at 6 C.F.R. pt. 5), docket number DHS-2009-0036" submitted comments to a proposed rule by DHS to make documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act publicly available on their FOIA website. NIWAP advised DHS of its obligations under the Violence Women Act (VAWA) confidentiality provisions, the importance of these provisions to immigrant crime victims, and the need to protect them from abusers seeking this information. NIWAP included recommendations to implement the rule in a manner that comports with VAWA confidentiality law and protects immigrant crime victims. (September 28, 2015)

Alexandra Iannolo, Benish Anver, and Leslye Orloff, "Suggested Questions and Answers on VAWA Confidentiality." NIWAP submitted questions and answers to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to include on their website to provide an overview of VAWA confidentiality and how CBP would encounter immigrant victims protected by VAWA confidentiality. (June 19, 2015)

Alexandra Iannolo, Benish Anver, and Leslye Orloff, "VAWA Confidentiality Resources List." NIWAP submitted a guide with links to resources and information on VAWA confidentiality to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for use by Border Patrol Agents and Office of Field Operations Officers. Resources include information on statutes, regulations, U.S. Department of Homeland Security policies, and legislative history. (June 19, 2015)

"Privacy Rights Grant Partner." Served as a privacy rights grant partner for a national technical assistance grant with the Victim Rights Law Center undertaking state by state research on confidentiality and privacy issues that arise in work with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. January 8, 2014.

"Consultation with NGO Liaison at US Customs & Border Protection (CBP)." Consultation regarding ways in

which CPB can become more involved in identification of VAWA, T and U visa eligible immigrant crime victims and training CPB on VAWA confidentiality. August 31, 2012.

Since 2006 Legal Momentum has been advocating with DHS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the implementation of a “red flag” computerized system that would identify immigrants who have filed for crime victim related immigration benefits. When immigration enforcement officials encounter immigrant victims and check the DHS system, these victims’ cases are not visible in the system due to VAWA confidentiality protections. As a result in all cases of immigrant victims including those who have been awarded U or T visas or VAWA immigration relief the computer system provides no information which indicates that the victims is undocumented. Victims with approved or valid immigration cases have been wrongly detained based on calls from their abusers, traffickers or rapists. On December 1, 2010 DHS implemented a computerized system for identifying immigrant crime victim cases with a generic code and limited additional information so that crime victims are protected from detention and deportation. Upon launch 18,000 crime victim cases were offered this protection.

“VAWA Confidentiality and the Detainee Tracking System,” Legal Momentum submitted a memorandum to Dora Schiro, at DHS, on integrating VAWA confidentiality with the detainee tracking system” July 27, 2009

“VAWA Confidentiality Enforcement.” Successfully worked with the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, to secure issuance of enforcement complaint procedures for violations of VAWA Confidentiality Provisions (IIRIRA section 384). April, 2008.

Collaborated with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security Chief Operations Officer to stop deportation actions against immigrant victims arrested in a protection order courtroom. Charlotte, North Carolina. March 20, 2007.

“The Need for Enforcing VAWA Confidentiality and Victim Safety Protections,” Submitted memo to the Department of Homeland Security, Inspector General seeking a DHS agency-wide enforcement mechanism for VAWA Confidentiality violations. Washington, D.C. March 8, 2007

“The Need for Enforcing VAWA Confidentiality and Victim Safety Protections,” Submitted memo to the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Department of Homeland Security seeking a DHS agency-wide enforcement mechanism for VAWA Confidentiality violations. Washington, D.C. March 8, 2007

“Meeting with the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security.” IWP joined other immigrant rights advocacy organization in a meeting with the Inspector General of DHS and senior officials in the Inspector General’s office. IWP led the discussion on the role the Inspector General could play in developing a system for taking and processing reports on violation of VAWA’s confidentiality provisions by officers of the Department of Homeland Security. January 8, 2007.

Attended annual review meeting of Department of Homeland Security Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and discussed problems of enforcing VAWA confidentiality violations. Washington, D.C. January 25, 2007.

Met with Department of Homeland Security Victim Witness Coordinator. Discussed next steps for developing a coded computer system that will allow DHS to flag all VAWA, T, U cases to guard against illegal deportations of victims. Washington, D.C. December 28, 2006.

In discussions with key leaders in ICE, CIS, and CBP to develop a coded computer system that will allow the VAWA Unit to flag all VAWA, T, U cases. September 2006.

“VAWA Confidentiality Improvements Violence Against Women Act of 2005.” Worked with the offices of Senator Kennedy, Senator Brownback, Senator Specter and Senator Biden, and Representative Jan Schakowsky, Representative Sensenbrenner and Representative Conyers to included VAWA confidentiality improvements in VAWA 2005. 2004-2005.

“VAWA Confidentiality Improvements Violence Against Women Act of 2000.” Worked with the offices of Senator Kennedy, Senator Abraham, Senator Hatch and Senator Biden, and Representative Jan Schakowsky, Representative Morella and Representative Conyers to included VAWA confidentiality improvements in VAWA 2000. 1999-2000.

“INS Investigative Actions at Shelters Jeopardize Victims’ Safety.” Developed and submitted memorandum to the INS urging them to cease raids of or subpoenas on battered women’s shelters. April 25, 2001.

“VAWA Confidentiality: Immigration” Worked with the offices of Representative Schroeder, Senator Kennedy, and Representative Morella to draft and secure passage of VAWA Confidentiality protections for immigrant victims of domestic violence. These protections were included in the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. 1996-1995.

## **SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS**

Judge Ramona Gonzalez, “Unaccompanied children deserve protection, not partisan politics” provided editorial assistance on Op Ed (April 19, 2023)

“Training for USCIS Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Adjudicators.” NIWAP worked with USCIS policy staff to recruit state court judges (Senior Judge Lora Livingston and Judge Susan Breall) to training USCIS SIJS adjudication unit staff on the judicial determinations state court judges make in cases involving SIJS eligible children. The training included how state court judges apply their state jurisdictional and procedural laws to cases in which they issue SIJS findings of fact and conclusions of law. Lee Summit, Missouri (January, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff, Rafaela Rodrigues, and Limayli Huguet, submitted comments on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Proposed Rules for Special Immigrant Juvenile Petitions (November 15, 2019)

“Permissibility of Providing Legal Services to Noncitizen Parents and Noncitizen Guardians of Children Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.” Led the effort to seek and obtain Advisory Opinion 2016-002 (Revised) confirming that legal services agencies receiving funding from LSC may represent noncitizen parents/guardians of noncitizen children who have suffered battering, extreme cruelty, sexual assault, human trafficking or other U visa-listed criminal activities. LSC funded agencies can represent noncitizen parents and guardians in state court cases related to remedying about that the immigrant child suffered, without regard to the parent/guardian’s immigration status or own abuse history. Under this advisory opinion the term “guardian” refers to individuals who have custody of and responsibility for the child in question, regardless of whether that individual is the child’s court-appointed guardian or custodian. Washington, D.C. (August 26, 2016)

“Allowable Family Court Representation to attain SIJS orders.” Consultation with the General Counsel’s office at the Legal Services Corporation to confirm the ability of LSC funded agencies to represent the relatives or caregivers of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status children in family court cases required as a prerequisite to filing the child’s SIJS immigration case. (April 13, 2016)

“Family Detention and Child Migrants.” Met with Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) staff to discuss the recent raids by ICE and the increase in detention of immigrant families, women, and children. Discussed ICE and DHS policies and recommendations for advocacy on behalf of immigrant mothers and children. Washington, D.C. January 5, 2016.

Meeting with ABA Center on Children and the Law: Leslye Orloff and Meaghan Fitzpatrick met with attorneys at the ABA to discuss a project the ABA is undertaking with Northeastern University addressing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. This meeting was to help them focus their efforts on areas of SIJS that need more research and are not currently in process at NIWAP or other ally groups. Also discussed NIWAP’s ongoing SIJS work and our upcoming SJI grant to write a bench book for judges on SIJS and how we can collaborate more with the ABA Center on Children and the Law moving forward. Washington, D.C. (November 20, 2015)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.” Meeting with the ABA Center on Children and the Law to discuss a project the ABA is undertaking with Northeastern University addressing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. This meeting was to help them focus their efforts on areas of SIJS that need more research and the bench book NIWAP is developing for state court judges on SIJS. Washington, D.C. November 20, 2015.

Meeting with HIAS: Leslye Orloff and Meaghan Fitzpatrick met with attorneys at an ally organization to discuss collaboration and current projects of both groups surrounding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. (November 11, 2015)

“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.” Meeting with HIAS to discuss collaboration and current projects of facilitating access to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and improving access to predicate orders in family court. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 11, 2015.

“Child Migration Convening.” Attended convening hosted jointly by the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (CGRS), and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to discuss the UNHCR and CGRS reports published, coordinate advocacy, develop policy recommendations, secure legal representation and immigration relief for and identify research gaps to assist children immigrating to the U.S. from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico. Washington, D.C. November 6, 2015.

## **IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

Faiza Chappell, Leslye E. Orloff, and Maureen Sweeny, “Immigration Consequences of Maryland Offenses”, updating this document to reflect current law at the request of the Maryland Special Status Working Group Administrative Office of the Courts for the State of Maryland (April 9, 2021)

“Completed multiple meetings and read multiple drafts of the Anti-immigrant Violence Prevention Bill.” Spoke with hill staffers: Carolina Peñalva-Arana, Adrienne Castro, and Justin Maturo who are in the Office of Congressman Mark Takano (October-November 2019)

Bernice Yeung, “How the Deportation Crackdown is Hurting Immigrant Victims of Crime” news article in the Huffington Post quoting Leslye E. Orloff (May 8, 2018)

Bernice Yeung, “How The ICE Crackdown is affecting immigrant victims of crime” article in Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting quoting Leslye E. Orloff (May 3, 2018)

Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers, “Report of the DHS Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers” NIWAP’s Director, Leslye E. Orloff, contributed as co-author of this report and led the drafting of the Sub-Committee on Medical, Mental Health, and Trauma’s section of the report and the sections of the report addressing VAWA, T and U visa immigration relief (October 7, 2016)

“Subcommittee on Medical, Mental Health and Trauma of the Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers” Leslye Orloff served as Chair of this subcommittee and is continuing to work with the subcommittee and the full committee to complete work on recommendations for improvements in trauma informed treatment, care, and help for the immigrant mothers and their children currently being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Family Detention Centers. The Committee’s report will be completed by the end of September 2016. Washington, D.C. (November 2015-October 2016)

“Improvements in Release From Detention and Immigration Enforcement Part II” Meeting with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and senior Department of Homeland Security Staff to discuss steps that can be taken in 2016 regarding immigration detention and release. Responsible for presentation on immigrant crime victim issues. Washington, D.C. (August 9, 2016)

VAWA Confidentiality Implementation Training for ICE Trial Attorneys. Met with the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Director of ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, the Blue

Campaign and Senior ICE staff to discuss training of ICE trial attorneys on VAWA, T and U visa case procedures and VAWA confidentiality. Washington, D.C. (August 8, 2016)

“Weekly Sub-Committee Chair Meetings for the DHS/ICE Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers.” Participated in planning and coordination meetings of the Sub-Committee chairs and vice chairs directing the work of the Advisory Committee (April, 2016 – October, 2016)

“Weekly Medical, Mental Health, and Trauma Sub-Committee Meetings for the DHS/ICE Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers” Led weekly meetings of the Sub-Committee to plan, research, consult and develop a written subcommittee report for the Advisory Committee (April, 2016-October 2016)

Subcommittee on Medical, Mental Health and Trauma of the Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers. Continues to serve as Chair of this subcommittee and is continuing to work with the subcommittee and the full committee to complete work on recommendations for improvements in trauma informed treatment, care, and help for the immigrant mothers and their children currently being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Family Detention Centers. (April – August 2016)

“Meeting to Discuss Opposition to Proposed Changes in Interpretation Policies and Steps Needed to Implement VAWA Confidentiality by Customs and Border Patrol” Meeting with Senior Staff at Customs and Border Protection (July 29, 2016)

Leslye Orloff, “Comments on Language Access Proposed Policy: Impact on Immigrant Crime Victims and for Prevention of Violence Confidentiality Violations by CBP Officers” Submitted comments to Customs and Border Protection opposing changing Border Patrol policies to allow Border Patrol agents to interpret for state and local law enforcement. These comments also highlight the fact that CBP has failed to implement VAWA confidentiality despite VAWA statutory and DHS headquarters requirements for implementation. (June 24, 2016)

“ICE Advisory Committee on Family Detention Centers Weekly Meeting for Sub-Committee Chair Leadership.” Co-chair of the Medical, Mental Health, and Trauma Informed Care Committee, participated as a subcommittee co-chair at these leadership meetings among the subcommittee chairs and ICE officials working with the advisory committee. (Washington, DC) (April 5, 2016; April 12, 2016; April 19, 2016; April 26, 2016)

“Trauma Informed Care.” Met with staff from the White House, Office on Violence Against Women, SAMSA Trauma, and Health and Human Services to obtain information about tools and resources and best practices on trauma informed care for detained persons, particularly women and children. (Washington, DC) (April 1, 2016)

“Reinstatement of Removal & VAWA, U, and T Visas.” Technical assistance call with Eric Tijerina of the Office of Policy and Strategy at USCIS. (Washington, DC) (March 23, 2016)

Briefing on Conditions in CBP Detention Facilities. Meaghan Fitzpatrick and Benish Anver attended a briefing hosted by American Civil Liberties Union, American Immigration Council, National Immigration Law Center, Southern Border Communities Coalition, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area on conditions in short term detention centers managed by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency. The briefing included information on a class action lawsuit that has been filed on behalf of detainees and included live testimony from a former detainee on her experience in a short term detention center in Tucson, AZ with her two small children. (February 4, 2016)

Alexandra Iannolo, Leslye Orloff, and Benish Anver, “Follow Up Memorandum to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Border Patrol Agents and Office of Field Operations Officers).” NIWAP submitted a memorandum to the Chief of Border Patrol and the Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations providing recommendations and responses to questions raised in the March 25, 2015 meeting. April 3, 2015.

“Meeting with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.” Leslye Orloff, Benish Anver, and seminar student, Jasmine Burns, attended a meeting with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials to discuss the implementation of



VAWA confidentiality, learn more about operation concerns from Border Patrol Agents and Office of Field Operations Officers, and make recommendations to ensure that VAWA confidentiality is part of the assessment that CBP officials make when encountering immigrant survivors with pending or approved VAWA based immigration applications. Washington, D.C. March 25, 2015.

“Meeting with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas (DHS).” Meeting with DHS, ICE, and other advocates, as part of an ongoing conversation, to discuss the current policies in family immigration detention. Discussed best practices for working with victims of trauma living in detention facilities, received updates from DHS and ICE on changes implemented since our last meeting, and discussed materials and research that NIWAP and partner organizations can provide to DHS and ICE to assist officials in best serving limited English proficient individuals and survivors of trauma living in immigration detention. Washington, D.C. March 12, 2015.

“Meeting with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates and U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Service (USCIS) Ombudsman Office.” Participated in a meeting with domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy groups and USCIS Ombudsman Office staffers to discuss next steps to follow up the January 12, 2015 meeting with DHS and ICE. This group meets frequently to alert the Ombudsman office of issues and questions from the field. Washington, D.C. February 3, 2015.

“Meeting at Department of Homeland Security on Family Detention.” Attended meeting with Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, and high level Immigrations and Customs Enforcement staffers regarding family detention issues with other domestic violence and immigration advocacy groups. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss conditions at detention centers; the effects of detention on traumatized immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes; need for access to mental health professionals at the detention centers; and long term strategy to address the issue of family detention. Washington, D.C. January 12, 2015.

“Meeting with USCIS Ombudsman Office.” Met as part of an ongoing work group to discuss various issues immigrant women and children are facing when interacting with USCIS and generally. This meeting discussed policy regarding the U visa, family detention, and language access issues. Washington, D.C. December 3, 2014.

“Work Authorization and Removal of Supervisor Requirement.” Participated in planning and preparatory meeting with officials from the Department of Homeland Security’s DHS Level Policy Office and the Ombudsman’s Office in preparation for a meeting with Director Mayorkas on these issues. Washington, D.C. November 21, 2013.

“Domestic Violence Offenders and Police Officers Killed.” Meeting with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the White House and Officer Michael LaRiviere discussing how to develop research to study the attributes of persons who kill police and the proportion who have only domestic violence histories. November 1, 2013.

Legal Momentum and the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women conferred with Network member organizations and allies about tools and legal research they need to help in their work with immigrant women and children in Arizona in the aftermath of SB 1070. Legal Momentum recruited two law firms, Kaye Scholer and Kilpatrick Stockton that are conducting legal research and developing tools that can be used by organization in Arizona and in other jurisdictions that may face similar legislation. Issues being researched includes whether state laws can undermine federal law provision of services necessary to protect life and safety to all persons without regard to immigration status, how programs serving immigrant victims or immigrant families can be charged with harboring immigrants. June through December 2010

Legal Momentum advocated and sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security discussing the need for the issuance of an online detainee locator system. We highlighted the problems family members, advocates, the faith community and attorneys had locating family members detained in the Postville immigration raid. Legal Momentum also highlighted the need to offer detainees who are crime victims the ability to opt out of the detainee locator system and offer them an alternative way to communicate with family members whom they trust and who are not perpetrators of crimes against them. June 2, 2010

“Detention of Immigrant Victims and VAWA Confidentiality” Legal Momentum staff met with a broad range of officials at Immigration and Customs Enforcement advocating for reforms in immigration enforcement policies in light of their effects on immigrant crime victims eligible for immigration benefits under VAWA, the U-visa and T-visa programs. Washington, D.C. May 3, 2010.

Stories collection campaign documenting the impact of immigration enforcement and family separations on immigrant women and their children. April, 20, 2010 and July 13, 2010.

Consultation and briefing for DHS Immigration and Custom’s Enforcement on development of a screening tool to assist in identification of vulnerable immigrants who are eligible for humanitarian release or crime victim immigration relief and should be provided with alternatives to detention, particularly release on their own recognizance. March 24, 2010

“Detention Tiered Vulnerability Triggers” consulted together with allied organizations with the Department of Homeland Security on the development of a tool to identify vulnerable immigrants in detention who should be provided humanitarian release, including immigrant victims. March 25, 2010

“Using The Risk Assessment Tool To Screen For Gender-Based Violence And Crime” Memo on screening for victimization as related to risk assessment tool in detention reform submitted to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Policy. February 22, 2010.

“The Impact of Immigration Policy on Children” Co-sponsored and helped plan Congressional Briefing highlighting the need for the need for the Humane Enforcement and Legal Protections for Separated Children Act (HELP for Separated Children Act). November, 5, 2009

“Form 70-008, Secure Communities Stakeholder, ID Assessment Questionnaire” Legal Momentum submitted comments on Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s proposed form. Urging screening for domestic violence, crime and trafficking victims, training on humanitarian release and NGO access to detainees. July 17, 2009.

“Comments on Improving the DHS Secure Communities Form,” highlighted changes needed in the form that will be used by DHS to solicit feedback on the proposed Secure Communities program from stakeholders including immigrant and immigrant women’s community based organizations. Focused particularly on the lack of focus on particular issues affecting immigrant victims of violence against women. July 13, 2009

“Screen all immigration detainees for crime victimization and offer them the least restrictive alternatives to detention.” Responded to a request from DHS to submit a letter to the Director of the Secure Communities program to provide direction on steps DHS should take to ensure that crime victims are not subject to detention. July 13, 2009

“Impact of Immigration enforcement on Immigrant Families” Legal Momentum co-sponsored and invitations to Congressional offices for the Capitol Hill Briefing sponsored by women’s and immigrant women’s organizations.

“Remembering the Risks of a Rush to Enforcement: Immigrant Crime Victims and Workplace Immigration Raids.” (Legal Momentum: Washington, D.C., June 2009).

“Immigrant Victims Caught in DHS Raids.” Represented the needs of immigrant women and immigrant crime victims as an invited participant at a Convening on Federal Raids and Other Department of Homeland Security Enforcement Activities planned by the Four Freedoms Fund, Washington, D.C. October 21, 2008.

“Impact of Postville Raids on Immigrant Women and Children: Potential Legislative Response.” Provided testimony at Congressional Briefing planned by members of the Congressional Women’s Caucus. Washington, D.C. September 23, 2008.

“Raids Response For Immigrant Women and Children Crime Victims in Postville, Iowa” Provided technical assistance to local pro bono lawyer representing immigrant victims in U-visa cases. Recruited two law firms one

assisted in preparation of all the U-visa cases for the children (Crowell and Moring) and a second (Manatt, Phelps) prepared all of the U-visa cases for the immigrant women victims. Recruited 10 forensic psychologists and one forensic psychiatrist to accompany us on three trips to Postville conducting over 43 forensic psychological evaluations of victims. Raised funding to support travel for lawyers, support staff and forensic experts on the trip. Collaborated on the development of two expert witness affidavits for the women and children's U-visa cases and provided strategic support. Translated numerous documents needed for U-visa cases. Postville, Iowa. August through November 2008.

### **INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE BROKER REGULATION ACT**

“Information Pamphlet Required by the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act” Worked with the Tahirih Justice Center to develop and submit a letter to Alejandro Mayorkas, Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Urging release of this Pamphlet. November 12, 2009. SF

“Ensuring a Strong and Coordinated Framework for Enforcement of the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act.” Co-wrote a letter together with the Tahirih Justice Center to Attorney General Eric Holder urging full implementation of IMBRA's enforcement provisions. November 12, 2009. SF

“Comments on the Domestic Violence Pamphlet Required by the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act DHS Docket No. USCIS-2007-0061” Wrote comments together with Tahirih Justice Center on the domestic violence pamphlet released under IMBRA. September 19, 2008.

“Additional Comments on GAO Report on DHS/State Department Compliance with the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act” submitted by Legal Momentum in response to the DHS “Domestic Violence Pamphlet. September 19, 2008.

“Thinking about Getting Married? Facts about Immigrating to the United States: Legal Rights and Resources for Immigrants Coming to the US on Marriage-based Visas.” Redrafted proposed Department of Homeland Security Pamphlet required by the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act and submitted it to the Department of Homeland Security along with comments on the proposed pamphlet. Washington, D.C. September 19, 2008.

“International Marriage Broker Regulation Act (IMBRA) of 2005: Protections for Immigrant Victims,” Worked with the offices of Representative Conyers, Representative Sensenbrenner and Representative Schakowsky to draft and secure inclusion of the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act of 2005 as part of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005. 2004-2006. Became law in January, 2006.

“Comments on Proposed K- Visa Regulations as They Affect Battered Immigrants.” Submitted as part of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrants to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Washington, D.C. October 10, 2001.

“Mail Order Brides.” Provided information to Representative Velma Veloria State of Washington on Mail Order bride legislation that was included in The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act. Washington, D.C. October 1996

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN STUDENTS**

“Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence and Sexual Harassment on Campus” Meeting with American University alum James Ferg-Cadima, U.S. Department of Education. Washington, D.C. (August 8, 2016)

“National Survey on Sexual Assault on Campus Experienced by Foreign Born Students.” National survey to gather data on best practices for Clery Act and Title IX remedies in cases of foreign born students who experience sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking on campus. The survey looked at the kinds of interim measures and assistance immigrant student victims need and how the remedies offered may impact the student's current immigration status and access to permanent immigration status in the future. (April 14, 2016)

“Application of Cleary Act and Title IX Protections for Foreign-Born and Limited English Proficient Survivors of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Harassment.” Call with Rachel Gettler and Jim Ferg-Cadima, Department of Education. (Washington, DC) (March 25, 2016) (Seminar)

Conference Call with Staffers from Rep. Kathleen Rice’s (New York) Office. Leslye Orloff and Benish Anver spoke with the legislative assistants working on immigration and sexual assault issues from Rep. Rice’s office regarding sexual assault on college campuses in New York and how it impacts immigrant students. Washington, D.C. (June 24, 2015)

“Meeting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at DHS to discuss U Visa Certification by ICE.” Met with Marie Martinez at ICE to the Prison Rape Elimination Act Implementation particularly with regard to U visa certifications and policies and practices of U visa certification within various branches of ICE and what can be done to widen the span of certifiers. November 4, 2014

“PREA Implementation and Screening and Treatment of Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking in DHS Detention.” Meeting with the Prevention of Sexual Assault Coordinator of the Enforcement and Removal Operations Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE ERO), and Violence Against Women Immigration Committee to discuss the implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in ICE ERO detention centers and best practices to work with survivors of sexual assault that occurred in ICE ERO detention centers. September 30, 2014.

NIWAP and The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Stories From the Field, “A Collection of Stories of Immigrant Survivors Documenting the Need for VAWA Immigration Protections In the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization of 2012” submitted to House and Senate Judiciary committees. September 15, 2012.

“Benefits of the Violence Against Women Act’s Crime Victim Visa Provisions for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault and Ongoing Challenges.” Presented testimony at Congressional Briefing for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month planned by Lifetime Television and the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women. Washington, D.C. April 28, 2004.

## **ASYLUM**

Tahirih Justice Center, NIWAP, ASISTA, Esperanza United, Women’s Refugee Commission and Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence, Letter to Alejandro Mayorkas, “Request to comply with the Administration’s Executive Order directing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Justice to promulgate joint regulations to clarify the definition of “particular social group” to ensure that people fleeing gender-based persecution qualify for asylum in the U.S. (June 12, 2023)

“Gender as a 6<sup>th</sup> Ground” participated in a national call of gender based asylum experts to discuss the pros and cons of amending U.S. asylum laws to add gender as a 6<sup>th</sup> ground for asylum which would ensure that the U.S. fully recognizes gender based violence as a human rights abuse. This call was led and convened by the Tahirih Justice Center (May 12, 2021).

Letter to Attorney General Garland requesting that he vacate “Matter of A-B- (I&2), L-E-A- (I&2) and A-C-A-A-.” NIWAP joined a sign-on letter lead by Tahirih Justice Center designed to reverse previous Justice Department position on gender-based asylum (April 30, 2021)

“National Survey on Family Violence of Families Who Have Received Refugee and Asylum Status.” The purpose of this survey was to find out how social service agencies serving refugees and asylees redressed domestic violence occurring in the families they worked with. It also explored the level of knowledge service providers in the field had about the impact of divorce on victims of domestic violence who are asylees and their ability to attain lawful permanent residency. (April 18, 2016)

“Analysis of Gender Asylum Comprehensive Immigration Reform Proposals” In response to a request from the White House. May 20, 2013.

“Women Who Are Unable to Obtain State Protection from Domestic Violence May Qualify as Refugees Under U.S. Asylum Law” Assisted the Women and International Law Program in developing a briefing paper on gender-based asylum aimed at convincing Immigration and Naturalization Service to favorably adjudicate gender-based asylum claims. Washington, D.C. February 19, 1997.

"Women's Asylum Guidelines." Assisted in the development of guidelines to be included in the INS Basic Law Manual that provides instruction on the appropriate handling on women's asylum claims. Effort coordinated by immigration law clinic at Harvard Law School. Cambridge, Massachusetts. October 20, 1993 - January 24, 1994.

"The Effect of Expedited Exclusion and Asylum Reform on Women and Gender Based Persecution." Comments in support of the position paper developed by Representative Nancy Pelosi with examples from Ayuda's caseload. Comments submitted to Vice President Gore and Attorney General Janet Reno. Washington, D.C., August 6, 1993.

### **COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM**

“Violence Against Women Committee Meeting.” NIWAP began participating in a working group hosted by ASISTA to discuss areas of need in policy and legislation protections for immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crimes. (April 20, 2016) (Washington, DC) (Anon)

“Meeting with Legislative Staff at Senator Jon Tester’s (Montana) Office.” Worked in conjunction with the Mexican Legal Education Fund to discuss the DeSantis amendment. February 20, 2015.

“Meeting with Representative Keith Ellison.” Met with Congressman Keith Ellison and his staffers to discuss immigration issues, including law enforcement training on the U visa, battered immigrant access to transitional housing and public and assisted housing, and NIWAP’s development of materials that will address the impact of President Obama’s Executive Action on immigration. Washington, D.C. December 3, 2014.

“DHS Ombudsman Office Fourth Annual Conference.” Attended a training/ information session hosted by the Department of Homeland Security Ombudsman Office. Heard from the taxpayer representative at the IRS about tax policies affecting immigrants. Attended two roundtable discussions, one on U visa certification and one on immigration options for unaccompanied minors. November 6, 2014.

“Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).” Participated in a call hosted by DHS on the DACA renewal process that begins for the first time this year. August 20, 2014.

“Comprehensive Immigration Reform.” Provided background and editorial assistance to the Office of Representative Gwen Moore on the 1 year anniversary of the passage of VAWA 2013 and the need for immigration reform to help immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. March 4, 2014.

“Violence Against Women Immigration Reform Strategy Session.” NIWAP Fellow and Seminar student participated in a half-day strategy session with national experts on immigrant women and immigrant victims of violence against women to develop strategies for immigration reform efforts during 2014. Washington, DC. January 24, 2014.

“Comprehensive Immigration Reform Proposed Boxer Amendment 1257 Cost Memo.” Prepared for Senator Boxer’s Office analyzing the economic impact of a proposed amendment to the Senate CIR bill that would grant access to public benefits for U visa crime victims and would remove the 5 year bar on access to public benefits for battered immigrant VAWA self-petitioners and their children. June 26, 2013.

“1997 and 2006 Immigrant Crime Victim Amendments to LSC Budget Bill.” Interlineated statute compiling VAWA amendments to LSC authorizations. June 19, 2013.

“Violence Against Women Act Suspension of Deportation: Compilation of Post 1996 Legislative Amendments.” VAWA 200, 2005 and 2013 have continued to make amendments to VAWA suspension of deportation immigration relief despite the fact that the INA code section for these protections was removed from the INA in 1996. This compilation provides the BIA, immigration judges and lawyers a tool will all the statutory changes together in one place. June 17, 2013.

“Story of Immigrant Survivor of Elder Abuse” Provided for Senators in support of Comprehensive Immigration Reform amendments that expanded U visa protections to cover elder abuse that were include in the final Senate bill. May 9, 2013.

“Stories of Battered Immigrant VAWA Self-Petitioners Being Turned Away From Public and Assisted Housing,” “Memo on Legislative and Administrative History of Efforts to Implement 1996 Amendments Providing Access to Public Benefits, Including Public and Assisted Housing to VAWA Battered Immigrants.” Memoranda and stories provide for Senator Franken’s Office in support of amendments to housing laws that were included in the Senate passed Comprehensive Immigration Reform. May 3, 2013.

“VAWA Confidentiality Legislative History.” Provided research and legislative history for Senator Schumer’s Office for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. May 1, 2013.

Dream Act Action Alerts, information and updates on DREAM sent to hundreds of women’s groups, domestic violence, sexual assault and victim’s rights groups, university and law school professors, and Kellogg and Annie E Casey leadership fellows in pushing for passage of Dream from August 2010 through December 2010.

“Department of Homeland Security Round Table on Women and Comprehensive Immigration Reform” September 23, 2009.

“Family Immigration and Immigrant Women.” Fact sheet on the importance of family immigration reforms for immigrant women. September 22, 2009. <http://www.legalmomentum.org/our-work/immigrant-women-program/family-immigration-and-immigrant-women.html>

Legal Momentum, DREAM ACT TO PROVIDE CRUCIAL HELP FOR IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS (DREAM Act) FACT SHEET– (August 20, 2010)—Distributed nationally to women’s groups, violence against women’s groups, educators, Kellogg Foundation Leadership Fellows. <http://www.legalmomentum.org/our-work/gender-equity-and-gender-bias/reports-and-resources/dream-act-fact-sheet-for.pdf>

Letter to Members of Congress (House and Senate) urging support for Comprehensive Immigration Reformed signed by 69 women’s, violence against women’s and allied progressive organizations concerned about immigrant women’s and girl’s needs for comprehensive immigration reform. May 1, 2010. <http://www.legalmomentum.org/assets/pdfs/congressional-letter-sign-on.pdf>

Submitted Memorandum for Senator Schumer on issues of importance to immigrant women of comprehensive immigration reform. March 21, 2010

“Reuniting Families Act and Fiancé Child Status Protection Act.” Signed on in support of legislation in the House (Honda) and the Senate (Menendez) designed to reduce backlogs in family immigration visa processing resulting in greater access to legal immigration status for women and their family members. May 13, 2009.

“Letter to President Obama on the Need for Comprehensive Immigration Reform.” Legal Momentum signed on to this letter urging President Obama to push forward on comprehensive immigration reform. January 21, 2009.

“Eliminating Fees Blocking Victims From Access to U-Visas” participated in question and answer session with Secretary Chertoff, Department of Homeland Security at “Human Trafficking Symposium,” at planned by Customs and Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC. September 9, 2008.

“Fee Waivers and Work Authorization for Immigrant Victims.” Advocated with and provided information to the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman’s office. Washington, D.C. September 3, 2008.

“Sign Policy Guidance Exempting T-Visa, U-Visa, and VAWA Victims From Mandatory Fees (I-192 and I-601)” Submitted letter signed by 67 organizations across the country working with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking asking Secretary Chertoff eliminate mandatory fees for VAWA, T and U visa victims. Letter was developed in coordination with the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Victims. Washington, D.C. August 21, 2008.

“Please Sign Policy Guidance Exempting T-Visa, U-Visa, and VAWA Victims From Mandatory Fees (I-192 and I-601)” Letter submitted by Legal Momentum to Secretary Chertoff, DHS asking that he eliminate mandatory fees for VAWA, T and U visa victims. Letter was developed in coordination with the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Victims. Washington, D.C. August 18, 2008.

“New Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fee Rule Cuts Immigrant Victims Off From Access to Immigration Relief,” Developed and distributed Fact Sheet on need to exempt immigrant victims from mandatory fees. Washington, D.C. July 25, 2008.

“Analysis of Economic Impact of Waiving Mandatory Fees for VAWA, T and U Visa Victims.” Memo to House and Senate Judiciary/Appropriations committee staffers on the financial implications of waiving fees for victims. Washington, D.C. September 30, 2007.

“Comprehensive Immigration Reform.” Led effort in Washington to involve women’s organizations, domestic violence organizations and victim rights groups in Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Provided analysis of immigration reform proposals from the perspective of how proposed law reforms will affect immigrant women. Organized grassroots campaign in against harmful amendments and succeeded in preventing on numerous occasions passage legislation that would force local law enforcement to enforce civil immigration laws. May through July 2007.

“Family Based Immigration and Immigrant Women;” Submitted testimony to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on the “Family Based Immigration Hearing” Held on May 8, 2007.

“Comments of The National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women on Real ID Proposed Regulations.” The Proposed Rule: Minimum Standards for Driver’s Licenses and Identification Cards Acceptable by Federal Agencies for Official Purposes” Submitted to the Department of Homeland Security. May 5, 2007.

Letter to ICE Assistant Secretary Julie Myers featuring real-life stories of women arrested, detained, or deported by ICE at the behest of their batterer. Letter featured details of each arrest including names of ICE officials. Letter resulted in ICE HQ investigating each case and in drafting field guidance (to be released) on VAWA confidentiality and enforcement actions. July 28, 2006.

“Key supporter of Feingold-Brownback amendment” to preserve access to temporary judicial stays of removal.” Wrote letter to entire Senate documenting critical need to preserve temporary judicial stays of removal for all immigrant women and children. Collected real-life stories of immigrant women and children who obtained stays of removal and were eventually granted immigration relief by the federal courts. Letter led to Sen. Brownback (R-KS) agreeing to co-sponsor amendment, which in turn led to many moderate Republicans supporting the amendment. Sen. Feingold (D-WI) submitted letter in its entirety into Senate record and quoted letter several paragraphs verbatim in his speech on the Senate floor. Amendment passed 5/25/06 by a vote of 52 to 45.

“Comments to Proposed Rule Titled “Address Notification To Be Filed With Designated Applications” Collaborated in the development of comments on the harmful affect proposed address notification regulations would have on battered immigrant victims of domestic violence and recommendations for improvements in proposed INS rule that would mitigate harm and enhance protection to battered immigrants. Comments submitted by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women co-chaired by NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. Washington, D.C. August 26, 2002.

“Proposed Rule Implementing Portions of IIRAIRA 62 Federal Regulations 444-517.” Provided comments to Immigrations and Naturalization Service on improvements needed in proposed regulations to assist battered immigrant women and abused immigrant children applying for relief under the Violence Against Women Act. Washington D.C. January 27, 1997.

“Impact of Pending Immigration Legislation on Victims of Domestic Violence.” Sent a letter to representatives of the Clinton administration at the Department of Justice, Health Education and Welfare and the White House describing the impact pending immigration and welfare reform legislation would have on battered women and battered immigrant women. Washington, D.C. March 29, 1996.

“Testimony Concerning the Immigration and Naturalization Housekeeping Amendments Act of 1992.” Presented to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on International Law, Immigration and Refugees. Washington, D.C., June 19, 1992.

## **ACCESS TO PUBLIC BENEFITS SAFETY NET SERVICES**

### **BENEFITS**

“Improving Access to Victims of Crime Act Victim’s Assistance for Immigrant Crime Victims” provided expert advice to the office of Representative Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) on the immigrant crime victim access to VOCA assistance payment, Department of Justice efforts to guarantee access to immigrants, NIWAP’s social science research on the limited extent to which immigrant survivors access VOCA and potential legislative reforms including improving anti-discrimination laws applicable to VOCA and VAWA grants. (September 27, 2021)

“Family Violence Council of Maryland Strategic Plan:” Assisted the Family Violence Council of Maryland in developing and submitting to the Maryland Governor for approval a state-wide strategic plan for meeting the needs of Immigrant and Non-English speaking victims in the State of Maryland. Annapolis, Maryland (December 19, 2017)

“Qualified Battered Immigrant Women Access to Public and Transitional Housing” Consultation with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regarding VAWA self-petitioner’s legal rights to access public and assisted housing Washington, D.C. (August 29, 2016)

“White House Domestic Violence Office” Briefed the office and submitted memos and information on a range of topics of particular importance for immigrant victims. The need for VOCA to issue regulations that will end discrimination against immigrant crime victims in Alabama and Nevada, the need for issuance of final U visa regulations during this administration. The need for HUD to issue clarification and policies confirming access to public and assisted housing for battered immigrants, and the need to access to transitional housing for immigrant victims, homeless and abused and abandoned children. Washington, D.C. (November 18, 2015)

“Meeting with Department of Justice.” Leslye Orloff, NIWAP’s Women, Law and Policy Fellow, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, and seminar student, Robert Goodis, attended a meeting with the Chief of the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section of the Civil Rights Division at DOJ regarding states that are denying Victims of Crime Act funds to immigrants. Washington, D.C. April 8, 2015.

“Meeting with the Department of Homeland Security’s Office on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.” Providing expertise on the needs of immigrant crime victims, immigrant children and immigrant women. Washington, D.C. October 30, 2012.

“Department of Education.” Presented and discussed research and memos NIWAP prepared urging DOE to offer post-secondary grants and loans to crime victim U-visa holders and their children. October 24, 2012.

“Employer No-Match Letters: Effects on Immigrant Victims” submitted comments to the Social Security Administration on their proposals regarding employer no-match letters. August 2006.



“Improving Access to TANF for Battered Immigrants.” Developed section of comments submitted by NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services on issues that should be addressed as part of TANF Reauthorization. Washington, D.C. December 3, 2001

“Healthy Solutions for America’s Hard Working Families.” Collaborated with the National Immigration Law Center, the Food Research Action Center and National Council for La Raza to plan and carry out a lobby day supporting a package of legislation aimed at improving access to federal public benefits, food stamps and health care for immigrant women and children. Washington, D.C. July 12, 2001.

“Access to HHS-Funded Services for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence,” Provided technical assistance to HHS staff in the development of this memorandum to all HHS funded programs clarifying among other issues that HHS funded shelter programs cannot turn away battered immigrants based on immigration status. Washington, D.C. January 19, 2001.

“VAWA 2000 Immigration Implementation: Public Charge.” Developed and submitted a memorandum to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in collaboration with an advisory team from the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. December 16, 2000.

“Problems with Social Security Numbers for Battered Immigrant Women.” Meeting with senior staff at the Social Security Administration planned by the National Immigration Law Center. August 4, 2000.

Food Stamps Regulations: Submitted comments on food stamps regulations highlighting how some of the proposed regulations would be harmful to battered immigrants. Washington, D.C. May 1, 2000

“Pubic Charge Concerns for Battered Immigrants.” Meeting with Stacie Spector Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House. Washington, D.C. July 24, 1998.

“Federal Means Tested Benefits.” Provided comments to the Division of Economic Support for Families, Department of Health and Human Services supporting the Department’s interpretation of federal means-tested benefits as proper under the statute and good public policy. Washington, D.C. October 27, 1997.

“Welfare Reform, The Family Violence Option and State Plans.” Developed and distributed letter to all state governors on behalf of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. January 21, 1997.

“Universal Oral Notification” Assisted National Resource Center in developing a notification for use by welfare agencies regarding whether and how they should question battered immigrants about immigration status. Washington, D.C. December 1996.

“Definition of “Substantial Connection” in the Immigration Bill as it related to battered immigrant women. Prepared this memorandum for the Justice Department. Washington, D.C. November 5, 1996.

“Access to Public Benefits as Qualified Immigrants for Battered Immigrant VAWA Self-Petitioners, VAWA Suspension of Deportation and VAWA Cancellation of Removal Applicants.” Worked with the office of Representative Lamar Smith, Representative Constance Morella, Representative John Conyers, Senator Kennedy and Senator Simpson to draft and include in the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 access to federal and state public benefits for immigrant victims applying for immigration relief under the protections of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. 1996.

“Welfare Reform, State Plans and Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.” Drafted sample letter for state domestic violence coalitions to send to governors on welfare and battered immigrants. Washington, D.C. November 6, 1996.

“The Need for Welfare by Battered Immigrant Women.” Provided information and case examples to the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Washington, D.C. July 6, 1996.

“Battered Immigrant Women Need Access to Safety Net.” Prepared testimony for the United States Commission for Immigration Reform regarding battered woman who temporarily had to rely on welfare after termination of abusive relationship. Washington, DC. October 31, 1994.

## **EDUCATION**

“Consultation with the U.S. Department of Education (DOEd).” Consultation on access to post-secondary educational grants and loans for U-visa applicants, U-visa recipients and their children. Following a series of meetings with staff at DOEd we developed and submitted a legal memorandum and detailed chart tracking all the various forms of immigration status immigrants attending college may have. The chart lists 85 different forms of immigration statuses from lawful permanent residency, to temporary visas to undocumented status. We identified for DOEd forms of immigration status that have a path to lawful permanent residency, including the U-visa, and could therefore be eligible for postsecondary educational grants and loans. September 4, 2012.

National Immigration Law Center and Legal Momentum, letter to the field collecting stories and information about difficulties U-visa crime victims and their children encounter accessing or being denied access to universities and/or post-secondary educational grants and loans. This campaign is in support of advocacy Legal Momentum and NILC have been leading with the U.S. Department of Education for issuance of a policy that would confirm that U-visa victims are eligible for post-secondary educational grants and loans. October 6, 2010.

Legal Momentum secured a policy statement from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement *Aliens who may be Unlawfully Present in the United States and their Access to Public Post-Secondary Educational Institutions*. In this statement DHS confirms that undocumented students can apply to and be enrolled in colleges and universities in the United States and those institutions have no obligation to inquire about or report immigration status of students to DHS. DHS only monitors and receives reports in cases of foreign students who have received F, M or J visas from DHS. July 6, 2010.

Legal Momentum advocated with the National Immigration Law Center for implementation of 1996 laws granting battered immigrant Violence Against Women Act self-petitioners, access to post-secondary educational grants and loans. The U.S. Department of Education issued *Student Aid Eligibility - Eligibility for Title IV Aid for “Battered Immigrants-Qualified Aliens” as provided for in the Violence Against Women Act* on June 4, 2010.

“Comments on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2009-2010 Award Year.” Submitted public comments on the FAFSA application for 4m and instructions to the Department of Education seeking improvements to the form and instructions that would assure that qualified immigrants, qualified battered immigrants and U-visa recipients are granted access to access to post-secondary educational grants and loans. October 27, 2008.

“Advocacy With The Department of Education to Assure Immigrant Victim Access to Post Secondary Educational Grants and Loans.” Led meetings with Department of Education staff discussing the need for guidance to help qualified immigrants and immigrant victims including VAWA, trafficking and U-visa victims and their children access post-secondary educational grants and loans. June 2008 –September 2008.

“Qualified Battered Immigrant Access to Post-Secondary Educational Grants and Loans.” Submitted Memo to the Department of Education identifying the fact the DOE needs to issue guidance so that qualified battered immigrants and their children receive post-secondary educational grants and loans they have been legally entitled to receive since 1996. Washington, D.C. June 27, 2008

## **HEALTH**

Signed onto a letter to the Center for Disease Control urging a final rule on HPV vaccine requirement for immigration purposes. August 6, 2009

"Health Care Reform and Immigrant Access to Health Care for Lawfully Present Immigrants," Organized outreach to women's and violence against women's groups and signed on to a letter to Senator Baucus of the Senate Finance Committee urging that all lawfully present immigrants be covered by health care reform and elimination of the 5 year bar to access to health care benefits for lawfully present immigrants. July 31, 2009.

"Comments on Criteria for Vaccination Requirements for U.S. Immigration Purposes," Legal Momentum submitted comments on proposed criteria for evaluating whether the HPV is a requirement for US Immigration Purposes. We argued that the requirement was financially burdensome and did not fit the CDC's definition of a required vaccine. May 6, 2009

Assuring Cultural Competence in Health Care: Recommendations for National Standards and an Outcomes-Focused Research Agenda: Sent comments to HHS on the need to include legal rights in the information about cultural minority populations that staff of health care programs must become familiar with. Washington, D.C. May 5, 2000.

"Comments on State Children's Health Insurance Program Regulations." Signed on to comments developed by the National Immigration Law Center. These comments urge HHS to implement mandates and recommendations that will help immigrants overcome program barriers of language and cultural competency as they seek to enroll in SCHIP and to access SCHIP-funded services. Second, the comments ask HHS to require collection of data on ethnicity, race and primary language spoken that will facilitate monitoring and enforcement of equality in enrollment and use of services. Washington, D.C. January 7, 2000.

"Improving Tracking of Enrollment by Minority Children and Children of Immigrant Families in the State Children's Health Insurance Program SCHIP," Signed on to a letter addressed to Donna Shalala, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services urging her to require that states administering the SCHIP program be required to both track enrollment by race, ethnicity and primary language spoken at home and to produce statistically reliable data on enrolment of minority children in the program. Such data is needed to assess whether qualified minority children are able to access this critical program. The letter was developed and coordinated by the National Health Law Program. Washington, D.C. December 29, 1999.

"Department of Health and Human Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Domestic Violence Work" Advocated with HHS officials to insure the continuation of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Domestic Violence Work. Washington, D.C. July 17, 1996.

"Developing a Model Program for Health Care System Intervention in Domestic Violence Cases: A Multi-Cultural Approach." Consultation with the U.S. Office of Maternal and Child Health. Washington, D.C. June 5, 1995.

"Testimony in Support of Rep. Wyden's, Rep. Morella and Sen. Boxer's Domestic Violence Identification and Referral Act." This bill would amend Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Services Act to provide medical schools with an incentive to incorporate training in domestic violence identification and referral into their curriculum. Washington, D.C. January 11, 1995.

"The Health Care System's Failure to Assist Battered Women -- The Real Life Experiences of a Survivor." Assisted Senator Barbara Boxer and Representative Ron Wyden with press conference on legislation. Identified and prepared Ayuda client to testify about the poor treatment she received by medical professionals to whom she turned for help after a severe battering. Participated in a press conference held regarding the introduction of legislation in Congress mandating that medical schools train doctors on domestic violence. Washington, D.C., September 30, 1993.

"Testimony on Supply and Demand for In-Home Child Care, Elder Care and Home Health Care Workers." Assisted the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform in locating former in-home childcare providers and other witnesses who could testify. Washington, D.C., February, 1993.

"Sulfamethazine Contamination of the Nation's Milk Supply." Testimony presented on behalf of the National Women's Health Network at the Sulfamethazine For Animal Use Hearing, before the Food and Drug Administration. Washington, D.C. May 26, 1988.

"Testimony Against S.1770, A Bill to Allow the Export of Unapproved Drugs." Presented at hearings before the Federal Trade Commission. Washington, D.C. October, 1985.

"Implications of the Growth of For-Profit Enterprise in Health Care." Testimony presented on behalf of the National Women's Health Network to the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences. Washington, D.C. May 1, 1984.

"Hearings on Infant Formula Misuse in the District of Columbia." Presented before the Council of the District of Columbia. Planned and organized all testimony presented at these hearings. Washington, D.C. 1983

"Hearings on Infant Formula Misuse in Los Angeles County." Presented before the Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women. Planned and organized all testimony presented at these hearings. Los Angeles, May, 1982.

"Testimony on Infant Formula Misuse in the United States." Presented by L. Salisbury and A. Glover Blackwell before the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Co-authored testimony and assisted committee staff in identifying expert witness panelists. Washington, D.C., June 17, 1981.

"Infant Formula Misuse and Infant Mortality." Testimony presented before the California Department of Consumer Affairs, State Hearings on Infant Mortality. Sacramento, California, April 3, 1981.

## **HOUSING**

"HUD Immigrant Eligibility Definitions" updated and submitted this definition list to the White House Gender Policy Council to support their work with the Social Security Administration in taking steps to ensure that VAWA self-petitioners and trafficking victims get the non-work Social Security numbers that they need to maintain subsidies in public and assisted housing. (July 21, 2023)

"HUD Glossary of Definitions" developed and submitted to HUD a proposed list of immigrant survivor's who are eligible as qualified immigrants for public and assisted housing. (June 5, 2023)

"HUD Form 50058 Instructions" provided subject matter expertise to HUD staff on improvements to HUD forms that Public Housing Authorities fill out regarding persons living in public housing units so that the form fully reflects VAWA self-petitioner's and trafficking victim's eligibility for public and assisted housing (January 13, 2023).

"Expanded Access to Public and Assisted Housing for Immigrant Survivors" provided legislative draft language to Freedom Network USA, the National Housing Law Project, and the National Safe Housing Alliance that on Housing Act Section 214 amendments needed to grant access to public and assisted housing for U visa victims and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status recipient children. The draft language also proposed amendments to HUD's social security number requirements to remove barriers for immigrant survivors who much await Department of Homeland Security issuance of work authorization before immigrant survivors can be granted full social security numbers (September 2, 2021).

Comments in Response to Proposed Rulemaking: Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status Submitted comments to HUD about the impact that proposed public and assisted housing rules would have on immigrant crime victims. (July 1, 2019)

Leslye Orloff, "Housing Provider Determinations of Battering or Extreme Cruelty for I-130 Applicant Battered Spouses and Children". Submitted a memorandum to Department of Housing and Urban Development discussing how housing providers can verify eligibility for public and assisted housing. (December 2, 2016)

Leslye Orloff, “Access to Public and Assisted Housing for Battered Immigrant Spouses and Children of Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents”. Memorandum sent to Department of Housing and Urban Development requesting a meeting to discuss access to housing for immigrant victims of crime. (October 19, 2016)

“Proposed VAWA Housing Regulations.” Discussion with representative from USCIS on the proposed HUD VAWA rule implementing VAWA 2005 discussing the need to ensure that qualified immigrant victims are able to access public and assisted housing guaranteed them under 1996 welfare and immigration legislation. The groups having difficulty accessing public and assisted housing are battered immigrant VAWA self-petitioners, T visa applicants and their children included in their applications. Washington, D.C. (August 29, 2016)

“Tri Agency Letter Confirming Access to Shelter and Transitional Housing for Undocumented Immigrant Victims and the Homeless” NIWAP led the effort nationally to secure a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that reminds recipients of federal funds how the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 applies to their programs. This letter reiterates long standing federal policies that immigrants cannot be denied access to certain services necessary to protect life and safety services including but not limited to emergency shelters, and short-term housing assistance (including transitional housing and rapid re-housing), crisis counseling and intervention, soup kitchens, community food banks, emergency Medicaid and public health services. The letter also described the non-discrimination requirements that apply to all federal grantees and the application of these protections to cases involving immigrants. Washington, D.C. (August 12, 2016)

“Report to the U.S. Department of Housing providing Data Battered Immigrant VAWA Self Petitioners Eligible for Public and Assisted Housing.” Leslye Orloff wrote this memo that discusses the need for policies implementing the access created in 1996 for battered qualified immigrant VAWA self-petitioners and certain other battered immigrants to be granted access to public and assisted housing. (November 9, 2015)

“Access to Public and Assisted Housing for VAWA Self Petitioning Battered Immigrants and Their Children.” Responded to a technical assistance request from HUD regarding the statutory history or access to public and assisted housing for citizens of the freely associated states. Done in consultation with Hawaii Legal Aid. Washington, DC and Honolulu, HI. (March 18-20, 2016)

Leslye E. Orloff, “Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Providing Data on the Numbers of Battered Immigrant VAWA Self Petitioners Eligible for Public and Assisted Housing” November 9, 2015

Kathryn Kimball and Leslye Orloff, “HUD Should Presume a Substantial Connection Between Qualified Immigrants Who Have Been Subjected to Battery or Extreme Cruelty and the Need for Housing.” A seminar student worked with Leslye Orloff to research the need for housing and the connection between the abuse that took place and the need for housing. This research memorandum was submitted to General Counsel at HUD. June 11, 2015.

Leslye Orloff, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, and Theresa Lau, Memorandum on “Eliminating Means Testing in HUD Funded Emergency and Transitional Housing Programs That Are Necessary to Protect Life and Safety Comments to Proposed Rule ‘Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013: Implementation in HUD Housing’ RIN 2501-AD71 Docket No. FR-5720-P-02.” This memorandum was submitted with comments to HUD’s proposed rule implementing VAWA 2013 to encourage HUD to prohibit programs from requiring immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes to show income based eligibility for emergency and transitional housing. June 1, 2015.

“Meeting with Gustavo Velasquez, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).” Met with Assistant Sec. Velasquez and a team of HUD staff to discuss administrative fixes for battered immigrant access to public and assisted and transitional housing programs. NIWAP has been working on two separate but related issues: the first, HUD funded transitional housing programs are denying immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking access to short term

housing programs despite HUD issued guidance stating they should have access. This was the first meeting in an ongoing conversation to help resolve that issue; the second, HUD has not implemented a 1996 law that allows “qualified aliens” access to public and assisted housing; NIWAP is now working with HUD to analyze the statutory interpretation and conflict of law for a resolution. Washington, D.C. January 7, 2015.

“Access to Transitional for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Victims,” and “Access to Public and Assisted Housing for VAWA Self-Petitioners” Call with National Law Center on Housing and Poverty (NLCHP) regarding access to transitional and public and assisted housing by immigrant women and children and immigrant crime victims and discussed strategies to recommend policies to federal agencies. September 30, 2014.

“Access to Transitional Housing for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Victims,” and “Access to Public and Assisted Housing for VAWA Self-Petitioners” Call with National Housing Law Project (NHLP) Attorneys Regarding Access to Housing. Discussed policy recommendations and outreach strategies to address issues in access to transitional and public and assisted housing by immigrant women and children and immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes. September 10, 2014.

“Crime Victim Privacy and Privileged Relationships Under State Law and Immigrant Crime Victim Access to Transitional, Public and Assisted Housing” Call with Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC) Attorneys Regarding Advocate Privilege by State and Access to Housing Issues. Discussed updating a chart about advocate and client privilege and other privileged relationships available in each state and mandatory reporting in the context of advocate privilege and VAWA confidentiality. NIWAP and VRLC staff also discussed access to transitional and public and assisted housing by VAWA self-petitioners and strategies they recommended to address this policy issue with government agencies. September 9, 2014.

“Access to Transitional for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Victims,” and “Access to Public and Assisted Housing for VAWA Self-Petitioners” Call with Staffers from Representative Gwen Moore’s Office to discuss access to transitional and public and assisted housing programs by immigrant women and children and immigrant crime victims and how congressional oversight may help improve current policies. Discussed strategies of how to develop policy recommendations to the federal government and how to utilize the findings of national survey that NIWAP conducted on the issue of access. August 20, 2014.

“Qualified Battered Immigrant Access to Public and Assisted Housing” and “Improving Battered Immigrant Victim Access to Transitional Housing.” Meeting with the Assistant Secretary of Fair Housing, General Counsel and Policy Staff at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. January 7, 2010.

“Comments on the Proposed Social Security Number Requirements in HUD’s Refinement of Income and Rent Determination Requirements in Public and Assisted Housing Programs,” submitted comments to the Department of Housing and Urban Development describing the harmful impact that proposed social security number requirements in federally funded public and assisted housing programs will have on immigrant victims of domestic violence. March 13, 2009.

“Qualified Alien Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Access to Public and Assisted Housing: The Need for HUD Issued Guidance,” Submitted memorandum to the Department of Housing and Urban Development urging HUD to issue guidance to public housing authorities, HUD personnel and others implementing programs with HUD funding directing that qualified immigrant battered women and their children are eligible for public and assisted housing without proration. March 13, 2009

“Advocacy With the Department of Housing and Urban Development To Secure Access to Public and Assisted Housing For Qualified Battered Immigrants.” Since 1996 HUD has failed to provide access to public and assisted housing with full funding rather than proration of funding for qualified battered immigrants. Sought and attended a series of meetings with HUD officials in several divisions on this issue seeking that HUD publically issue guidance that will assure that qualified battered immigrants are not turned away or forced to pay higher rents due to proration. Washington, D.C. June through August, 2008.

“Battered Immigrant Qualified Aliens Still Waiting for Promised Housing Assistance After Almost 12 Years,” memorandum to House and Senate Housing appropriations and authorization staff on the need for Congressional assistance in assuring that HUD grants access to public and assisted housing to battered qualified immigrants and their children as required by law since 1996. Washington, D.C. August 20, 2008.

“Verification for Qualified Alien Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: Access to Public and Assisted Housing” Memorandum sent to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) articulating the legal basis for and need for issuance of policy guidance to assure that qualified battered immigrants are granted access to public and assisted housing without proration. Washington, D.C. May 5, 2008.

“Meetings with Representatives from the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department urging them to develop guidance and training for public and assisted housing providers on appropriate treatment of battered women and battered immigrant women living in public and assisted housing. Washington, D.C. March 20, 2003 and May 20, 2003.

“Comments on Proposed Training Manual for Public Housing Authorities Issued By HUD.” Participated with coalition partners in commenting on domestic violence provisions to be included in training manual for public housing authorities issued by HUD. These comments were derived from the memorandum that NOW Legal defense and Education Fund took the lead in drafting. Washington, D.C. September 13, 2002.

“Recommendations for Improving Services to Battered Women.” Lead a collaborative effort among domestic violence, housing, immigrant rights and civil rights organizations to hold a series of meetings draft a memorandum to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development making recommendations on policy guidance, training materials, trainings and directives HUD should issue to improve the battered women and battered immigrant women’s access to public and assisted housing. Washington, D.C. July 2, 2002.

“Letter to all HUD Funded Programs” from Secretary Cuomo advising them that they must provide shelter and transitional housing for up to two years to all person who are battered, victims of child abuse or neglect or homeless without regard to the immigration status of the applicant. Collaborated with HUD staff in the development of this memorandum clarifying that programs that turn away undocumented immigrants could lose HUD funding. Washington, D.C. January 19, 2001.

“Memorandum Seeking Clarification from the Department of Housing and Urban Development on Qualified Alien Access to Public and Assisted Housing.” Sent to Eva Plaza Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and equal Opportunity. Washington, D.C. August 24, 2000.

"Latino Community Concerns Regarding the Zoning of Reed Cook Neighborhood of Adams Morgan." Testimony presented to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission, Case Number 88-19, on behalf of the Commission on Latino Community Development. Washington, D.C. May 11, 1989.

"Preventing Displacement of Latino Tenants in the District of Columbia." Testimony presented to the D.C. Commission on Latino Community Development. Washington, D.C. May 27, 1986.

"Problems Facing Latino Tenants in the District of Columbia.", Testimony presented before the D.C. Housing Production Commission. Washington, D.C., May 22, 1986.

"Testimony on Proposed Amendments to the Rental Accommodations and Conversion Division Regulations Regarding D.C. Rent Control Law and Procedure." Presented before the Rental Housing Commission of the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C., February 10, 1986.

## **STATE BENEFITS**

“Battered Immigrant Benefits Application Form.” Assisted in the drafting of an application form that will be used by all Illinois state welfare offices for cases of battered immigrants applying for public benefits. The application is simple and easy for applicants and their advocates to complete. It is in full compliance with the Attorney General’s Guidance. Chicago, Illinois. October 9, 1998.

“Illinois State-Funded Benefit Program for Battered Women Immigrants ” Provided technical assistance in drafting legislation that would provide state-funded benefits to post 8/22/96 legal entrants who are victims of domestic violence for the Poverty Law Project of the National Clearinghouse for Legal Services. Chicago, IL. April 2, 1998.

“Battered Immigrant Women and Welfare Reform.” Assisted the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence in reviewing proposed draft legislation to give access to welfare benefits to battered immigrant women. Des Moines, Iowa. March 20, 1998.

“Arizona Battered Immigrant Option.” Assisted Brewster House, a domestic violence program in Arizona that works with battered immigrant women, in drafting proposed legislation that would guarantee battered immigrant women access to federal benefits for which states have the discretion to authorize access. Phoenix, Arizona. March 15, 1997.



## AMICUS BRIEFS

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT –VAWA SELF-PETITIONS, SUSPENSION OF DEPORTATION AND CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL**

“Geidy Mavely Soto Alvarado And Mauricio Antonio Garcia Soto v. Merrick Garland” NIWAP led an amicus brief filed in the U.S. District Court of Rhode Island that was joined by Harvard Law School professors and clinics, the ACLU, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and all of the major women shelters in Rhode Island. This brief argued that USCIS had misinterpreted VAWA 2000 amendments that were designed to allow VAWA self petitioners to divorce, file their self petitions, and after filing remarry with no impact that would lead to denial of the application. In this case an immigrant for self petitioner remarried year and ½ after filing but before her self-petition case was approved and USCIS revoked or approved self petition. Amici won a motion to reopen the District Court’s denial of the self petitioner’s case and the trial will proceed on the merits. Map is being represented in this case by Crowell and Moring (June 13, 2023)

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*Jennifer Arguijo v. Wolf*, (2020) U.C. Court of Appeals 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit, NIWAP represented by K & L Gates LLP, filed an amicus brief in the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals at the request of the National Immigrant Justice Center in a case of a battered immigrant step-child whose self-petition was denied by USCIS. Both the appellant step-child and her mother were abused by the victim’s citizen step-father including sexual abuse of his step-daughter. The step-child’s mother died related to the abuse she had suffered. USCIS and the BIA claimed that the victim’s step-parent/step-child relationship ends with divorce or death. NIWAP’s amicus brief describes how the Immigration and Nationality Act statutory text does not provide an end date for the step-child step-parent relationship and that imposing one is contrary to the legislative history and purpose of the Violence Against Women Act and VAWA self-petitioning. (July 29, 2020).

*Maria Lopez-Birrueta V. Eric H. Holder, Jr.*, (2010) U.S. Court of Appeals 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Filed an amicus brief discussing the legislative history of the Violence Against Women Act’s cancellation of removal protections that provide immigration protections to an immigrant mother whose children (including citizen children) are battered or subject to extreme cruelty by the children’s lawful permanent resident father. The brief discussed immigration related abuse and the VAWA any credible evidence standard of proof that does not require medical evidence or eye witness accounts by persons who are not the children or the children’s mother.

*Josepha Rosario v. Eric Holder*, (2010) U.S. Court of Appeals 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, Filed an amicus brief arguing that the requirement of police or medical records to support a VAWA Cancellation of Removal case violates VAWA’s any credible evidence rules. Further the brief provided social science data supporting “extreme cruelty” encompasses

physical, psychological, and emotional abuse and an overall pattern of violence, including insults, demands for money, threats, and intimidation. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono)

*Leiva-Mendoza V. Holder*, United States Court Of Appeals For The 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2010). Submitted an amicus brief discussing how a child's witnessing of serious domestic violence perpetrated against their parent is a basis for granting VAWA cancellation of removal to children who witness domestic violence perpetrated against their parent even in cases in which the children have not themselves been abused. This amicus brief provided the court with the relevant research data on harm to children of witnessing abuse in the home and argued that requiring proof of "actual harm" to the child is not required to prove "extreme cruelty."

*In re: Esteban Cabezas* is an appeal to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Administrative Appeals Office (2010) of a denial of a VAWA self-petition by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Vermont Service Center. This case raises important issues about the any credible evidence standard to be applied in VAWA self-petitioning cases and on immigration related abuse and the role this abuse plays as part of a pattern of extreme cruelty. (Andrew Taylor, Pro Bono)

*In the Matter of Ramirez-Avila*, Board of Immigration Appeals (2007) Filed an amicus brief discussing the Violence Against Women Act's lesser extreme hardship standard and the approach to be taken in VAWA cancellation of removal cases with regard to good moral character. (Arnold and Porter, Pro Bono).

*Sanchez v. Gonzalez*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2006) filed an amicus brief discussing the Violence Against Women Act's legislative history and purpose and the special motion to reopen provisions designed for immigrant victims filing VAWA cancellation of removal cases. The trial court and BIA failed to offer Sanchez access to VAWA's motion to reopen provisions. Additionally, Sanchez' trial counsel was unfamiliar with VAWA's special rules and provided Ms. Sanchez with ineffective assistance of counsel. (K&L Gates, Pro Bono).

*Rosalba Romero-Mandujano v. Ashcroft*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit (2007) Filed an amicus brief in the discussing the Violence Against Women Act's any credible evidence standards and the trial court's failure to consider evidence of the dynamics of domestic violence. (Arnold and Porter, Pro Bono)

*Kewan v. Ashcroft*, Assisted in developing and editing amicus brief filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2005) discussing research data and the dynamics of domestic violence against male victims and VAWA's gender neutrality offering protection to both male and female victims. (Northwest Immigrant Rights Project)

*In the Matter of Nvart Idinyan (formerly Nvart Huckfeldt)*, Board of Immigration Appeals (2005) Amicus was filed in support of immigration judges finding that plaintiff qualified for cancellation of removal under VAWA and refuting DHS assertion that once a victim reached a "safe house" she should no longer have access to VAWA provisions. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono)

*Obiaga and Berrocal v. Ashcroft*, Amicus brief filed at the U.S. Court of Appeals 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2005) discussing any credible evidence rules and extreme cruelty in VAWA Cancellation of Removal cases. (National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild).

*Rosalina Lopez-Umanzor* Board of Immigration Appeals (2002) and the U.C. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2004) Submitted amicus briefs discussing violations of a victim's due process rights when an immigration judge denies the victim the opportunity to present expert testimony on domestic violence in a cancellation of removal case and presenting social science data that influences how judges should make credibility determinations in VAWA cancellation of removal cases (Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, Pro Bono 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit, O'Melveny and Myers, Pro Bono BIA).

*Graciela Perales v. Ashcroft* Filed an Amicus brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2003) supporting reversal of and immigration judge and Board of Immigration Appeals decision providing social science research findings on the definition of extreme cruelty. (Arnold and Porter, Pro Bono)

*Laura Luis Hernandez v. Ashcroft*, Filed amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2003) describing the dynamics of domestic violence and extreme cruelty experienced by immigrant victims and the legislative history and purpose of the Violence Against Women Act's immigration provisions offering suspension of deportation for immigrant victims of battering or extreme cruelty. The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit cited the material contained in the brief in its opinion. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono)

*In the Matter of Aguilar-Jimenez*, Board of Immigration Appeals (2002) Filed an amicus brief discussing the "extreme cruelty" and "extreme hardship" standards in the context of requests for suspension of deportation under VAWA, specifically that extreme cruelty includes the psychological and emotional abuse imposed on a child who is forced to watch as a parent is battered by another parent. (Crowell and Moring Pro Bono)

*In the Matter of Stefano Zeva*, Board of Immigration Appeals (2002) Filed an amicus brief discussing: whether, under what circumstances, and how the dynamics of domestic violence effect a battered immigrant's knowingly and voluntarily waiving her minor son's right to review, appeal or ability to contest any action that may be brought to remove the him from the United States. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono).

*In the Matter of Haimwantie Gilbert*, Board of Immigration Appeals (2002). Filed an amicus brief discussing what standard should be used in finding extreme cruelty in VAWA immigration cases and the application of VAWA confidentiality provisions to VAWA cancellation cases. (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)

*In the Matter of Perales-Cumpean A76 386 969*, Board of Immigration Appeals (2001), U.S. Court of Appeals 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit (2003) The Amicus brief discussed the any credible evidence standard and the definition of battery or extreme cruelty in an immigrant victim's Violence Against Women Act suspension of deportation case (National immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, BIA, Arnold and Porter, Pro Bono 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit)

*In re: Dora Alicia Garcia-de Surur (A72 655 158)* – Krome, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals (2001) and one before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) 2000. These amicus briefs addressed there important issues: whether the VAWA extreme hardship factors apply in VAWA cancellation cases; how the credible evidence standard is to be applied in VAWA cancellation cases; and the effects of domestic violence on children and the connection between spouse abuse and sexual abuse of a child. (National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild).

## **VAWA CONFIDENTIALITY**

*"Francisco Ramirez, Jacqueline Reyes-Mendoza, And Their Minor Child B.R., v Hon. Daylene A. Marsh and David Paulino Padilla-Suazo"* Emergency petition for writ of superintending control to the New Mexico Supreme Court in a sexual assault case in which a state court judges ordered U visa applicant victims to turn over in criminal court discovery information contained in the victim's VAWA confidentiality protected case in violation of federal law. NIWAP is being represented in this appeal by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; (July 31, 2023)

*In the Matter of M-A.* (2020) Brief filed with the Board of Immigration Appeals. NIWAP was lead amicus in an appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeal in a case of first impression challenging an Immigration Judge's denial of VAWA cancellation of removal to an LGBTQ immigrant victim of spouse abuse who suffered multiple VAWA confidentiality violations including Immigration and Custom's Enforcement informing the court they planned to call the perpetrator as a witness, submitting an affidavit by the perpetrator that the immigration judge relied upon to deny the victim VAWA cancellation of removal, the immigration court failing to remove the victim's case from the publicly available computer system and numerous other VAWA confidentiality violations. The brief provided detailed legislative, regulatory and policy history on VAWA confidentiality and discussed each of the numerous VAWA confidentiality violations occurring in this case by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the immigration judge and the immigration courts. (March 24, 2020)

ICE FOIA Request (Case Number 2018-ICEFO-29829) (April 5, 2018)

*Cazorla v. Koch Foods of Mississippi*, United States Court of Appeals, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit. NIWAP was the lead Amicus in the first case to reach the U.S. Courts of Appeals on the (VAWA) immigration confidentiality protections. In this workplace sexual assault case brought by the EEOC the employer is attempting to obtain through civil court

discovery receive copies of and/or information contained in victim workers' U visa cases filed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that under federal law are to receive VAWA confidentiality protection. (October 22, 2015 and February 23, 2016) (Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, LLP, Arnold and Porter, Latino Justice PRLDEF)

*Hawke v. Department of Homeland Security*, the United States District Court for the District of Northern California (September 29, 2008). Filed an amicus brief discussing the history and purpose of VAWA Confidentiality created in 1996 (expanded in 2000 and 2005) as Section 384 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ("IIRIRA"). In this case of first impression, the Court clarified that VAWA confidentiality provisions protect victims filing for VAWA immigration relief even if the case is ultimately denied when such denials were not based on the merits. Procedural denials or withdrawals of applications continue to receive the full scope of VAWA Confidentiality eligible protection. (Morgan, Lewis, Pro Bono)

### **U-VISA PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT CRIME VICTIMS**

*United States V. Luciana Moreno-Lopez; Maria Ramirez-Mendoza; Flora Rivera-Pablo; Teresa Ayala-Rosales; Cirilo Castillo-Amaro; Maria R. Cervantes-Cano; Sarai Contreras-Martinez; And Mercedes Gomez-Eugenio*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Chattanooga (2010), Filed an amicus brief in a case in which undocumented workers had been victims of extortion, when the workers complained to EEOC and the Department of Labor the employer retaliated by triggering the employees detention by the Department of Homeland Security. The workers filed and received U-visas as victims of extortion despite this fact, the U.S. attorney brought charges against the workers for document fraud. This amicus brief, filed in the employees' criminal case, described the history and purpose of the U-visa as humanitarian relief and a tool for law enforcement.

*Agriprocessors, Postville, Iowa (2008-2010)*: Played a lead role in the national response to the raid at the Koshers Meatpacking Plant in Postville, Iowa. Assisted in development of U-visa case strategy, raised funds to bring two teams of 9-10, IWP staff, volunteers and pro bono forensic psychologists to conduct forensic evaluations of victims in Postville, have recruited and provide strategic support to two law firms (Crowell and Moring; Manatt Phelps, and Phillips) who assisted in the preparation of the U-visa cases for almost 80 immigrant women and children, presented testimony at a House Congressional briefing on Postville, served as a liaison involving DHS immigration officials in granting access to interview 15 immigrant women in federal prison who are likely also victims of sexual crimes and recruited pro bono lawyers in Tallahassee and Kansas City to assist in these interviews. Later we recruited DLA Piper to assist with additional cases.

### **SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS**

"Guardianship of S.H.R. v. Jesus Rivas" (Supreme Court of California) NIWAP filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of California in a case in which the Court of Appeals wrongly denied an SIJS eligible child SIJS predicate findings. The amicus brief developed by Manatt, Phelps and Phillips for NIWAP detailed the legislative and regulatory history of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and discussed how the approach taken by the Court of Appeals directly contradicts this legislative and regulatory history and the 2022 SIJS regulations issued by DHS. The brief discussed how the courts below incorrectly applies laws of a foreign country when application of California law is required by SIJS regulations, statutes and policies. The brief also discusses how it is impermissible for court to fail to issue SIJS findings when there is uncontroverted credible evidence to support the findings. The California Supreme Court in a unanimous decision with one concurrence adopted the approach advocates by NIWAP's amicus brief and the 2022 SIJS regulations relied up in the brief. (March 21, 2022; August 15, 2022)

### **GENDER BASED ASYLUM**

"Ada Merary Rivas-Ramos v Merrick Garland" NIWAP represented by Manatt, Phelps, and Phillips, LLP filed an amicus brief in the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in a case of Ada Rivas-Ramos faced abuse at the hands of her former partner with whom she had been in a relationship with since she was 14 years old and shared children. Rivas-Ramos testified as to the sustained abuse she suffered throughout their relationship, including that the abuser hit her in the face with a bottle, threatened her and their children's lives, and order men whom he sent after her to sexually assault her. The brief, examined the social science research around intimate partner violence that explains physically leaving a residence shared with an abusive partner does not mean the survivor has successfully ended the

relationship. This is particularly true where there are children in common, when there is economic abuse, and when the abuser was coercively controlling the victim. The Board's denial of her asylum rested on the premise she would be able to leave the relationship again, which is inapposite to the research. The brief also explained many indicators present in both the case history and in peer-reviewed research that showed Rivas-Ramos was likely to face increased violence or even death should she be forced to return to Honduras. Many risk factors – including stalking, which has the highest indication of an abuser killing their victim – were present in Rivas-Ramos' case. (June 2, 2023)

“*Pierre Salame Ajami v. Veronica Tescari Solano*” (6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP filed an Amicus Brief in a 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals case in which a Venezuelan mother who had been granted asylum in the United States as a victim of domestic violence was ordered by the District Court in a Hague Convention case to return her children who had also been granted asylum in the U.S. to their father in Venezuela. This appeal highlighted the error of law that the District Court made in failing to consider the fact that the mother and children had been deemed credible by DHS and granted asylum. The brief provided social science data demonstrated how the District Court had also failed to consider the impact of trauma on testimony of domestic violence victims. NIWAP was represented by DLA Piper and Crowell and Moring represented the victim mother in this case. (April 19, 2022)

*Maria Luisa Rodriguez Tornes vs. William P. Barr* (2019) US. Court of Appeals 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. NIWAP led an amicus brief with DLA Piper for a case filed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit discussing how domestic violence victims are able to receive gender-based asylum because they domestic violence they experience is based on their social group membership. NIWAP's brief documented the cultural, religious and social conditions that domestic violence victims suffer that serves as a valid basis for domestic violence related gender based asylum. This brief provided the social science support for a Tahirih Justice Center case challenging the Attorney General Sessions Justice Department position on domestic violence related gender based asylum cases. October 19, 2019)

*Reina Victoria Rodriguez-Ramirez v. William P. Barr*. NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Texas. The brief discusses how incest relationships qualify as a domestic relationship and how laws of domestic violence should apply. Baker and McKenzie LLP. (August 16, 2019)

*S.K.E.R. v. William P. Barr*. NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of a Honduran woman who was a victim of domestic violence. The brief discusses the complexity of domestic violence and how the victim was unable to physically remove herself from her abuser due to fear of his retaliation. This amicus was filed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. Winston and Strawn LLP (April 8, 2019).

*Nelsa Rosa Hernandez Cabrera; A.J.E.H. v. U.S.*, NIWAP filed an amicus curiae on behalf of Nelsa Rosa Hernandez Cabrera; A.J.E.H., the petitioner is a domestic violence victim, from Honduras, who suffered physical abuse and enormous amount of control from her husband. The amicus will be filed in the Fourth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case that Hernandez Cabrera is seeking to overturn a decision by the Board of Immigration Appeals that denied her request seeking asylum. Winston & Strawn LLP. (February 22, 2019)

BIA Amicus Invitation 2016-0609 Amicus Curiae Brief of National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project and The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service submitted this amicus brief to the Board of Immigration Appeals discussing the brain development and neuroscience of how having experienced or witnessed trauma impacts the brain development of children and adolescents. The brief argues that in cases of child asylum applicants' waivers of the one-year deadline based on extraordinary circumstances must be presumed for children under the age of 21. The brain science also supports waivers of the deadline for older youth in their 20s who can demonstrate based on the totality of the circumstances of their case and the impact of the trauma they suffered on their lives that they meet the extraordinarily circumstances test. (Crowell and Moring: August 31, 2016)

*Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. Koch Foods*. NIWAP Inc. collaborated with Latino Justice, the law firms of Arnold and Porter and Procopio, and Legal Momentum to submit an amicus brief to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in an interlocutory appeal of a Federal District Court decision to allow an employer who employed supervisors who perpetrated rape, sexual assault, felonious assault, extortion, sexual harassment and other discrimination against workers to use civil court discovery in an EEOC enforcement action to obtain copies of the

victim's VAWA confidentiality protected U visa case files. The brief provided legislative history of the VAWA confidentiality provisions and the U visa and discussed the public policy effects on victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes if discovery of VAWA confidentiality protected information is allowed in civil cases. (October 22, 2015)

*Yessica Alvarado\_Euceda vs. Loretta Lynch*. NIWAP Inc. served as the lead amicus in an appeal of a denial of gender based asylum to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of a Honduran battered immigrant who unsuccessfully attempted to end her relationship with her abusive boyfriend who was the father of her two children. The immigration judge and a single Board of Immigration Appeals judge denied gender based asylum to a battered mother who fled Honduras when she could find no protection from being subjected to ongoing abuse from the father of her children. The law firm of Winston and Strawn represented NIWAP in the amicus brief. (February 26, 2016)

*In the Matter of RA*. Domestic violence as a basis for Gender Based Asylum. Filed Briefs and coordinated amici for amicus briefs filed before the Board of Immigration Appeals (1999) and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit (1999). Provided editing and amici sign on assistance to Amicus brief filed with Attorney General Ashcroft (2004).

*In the matter of Aruna Vallabhaheni*. Amicus Brief filed with the Board of Immigration Appeals (2001) in support of granting gender based asylum based on domestic violence.

#### **THE INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE BROKER REGULATION ACT**

*American Online Dating Association et. al. v. Gonzales*, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (2006). Legal Momentum filed an amicus brief in support of the U.S. Attorney General and the Tahirih Justice Center's defense of the constitutionality of the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act. In addition, Legal Momentum played a major role in publishing research data documenting that when U.S. Citizen men marry immigrant women, the likelihood of abuse is three times higher than in the U.S. population in general. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono).

*European Connections & Tours, Inc. v. Gonzales*, (2006) Developed amicus brief and assisted the U.S. Attorney General in a motion to dismiss a 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment challenge to the collection of data on male clients for prospective brides and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment Equal Protection challenge to regulation of for-profit or majority for-profit but not cultural or religious International Marriage Brokers. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono).

#### **FEDERAL PREEMPTION IN IMMIGRATION LAW**

*United States v. State of Arizona and Janice K. Brewer* Governor, United States Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. (2010) Submitted an amicus brief in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit case in support of the United States position that Arizona law SB 1070 unconstitutionally interferes with federal immigration laws designed to help immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes. It undermines federal laws guaranteeing that all persons in the United States have access to programs and services necessary to protect life and safety and public health and will be extremely harmful to immigrant families from family separations forced by local law enforcement mandates to enforce federal immigration laws. This amicus brief was joined by 90 organizations working to help immigrant women and immigrant victims of violence against women. (Manatt, Phelps, and Phillips, Pro Bono)

*Friendly House Et Al., V. Michael B. Whiting Et Al.*, United States District Court Arizona, (2010) Recruited by the ACLU, MALDEF, The National Immigration Law Center and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center to organize a women's perspective amicus in support of plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction to stop implementation of key portions of Arizona's anti-immigrant legislation SB 1070. Legal Momentum also assisted in identifying immigrant victim plaintiff's for this lawsuit. 83 women's, violence against women's and allied organizations joined the brief which demonstrated how SB 1070 interferes with federal protections for immigrant crime victims; cuts immigrant women and their children off from federally provided services necessary to protect life, health and safety, and harms children by depriving them of the care and nurturing of their mothers through

detention leading to family separations. The Mexican Consulate translated this brief and is distributing it in Spanish. (Manatt, Phelps, and Phillips, Pro Bono)

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND TRAUMA**

“Brown v. Arizona” (9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP signed on to an amicus brief developed by the National Women’s Law Center in support of a student survivor who was seeking to hold her university accountable for its failure to address sex-based harassment under Title IX. (March 29, 2022).

*Chrismy Sagaille v. Christina Carrega* (2020) Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division. NIWAP assisted the National Women’s Law Center providing expertise on immigrant survivors’ experiences with sexual assault and signed on to an amicus brief filed in the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division. This amicus was filed on behalf of a number of women’s groups protecting sexual assault survivors from retaliatory defamation suits by their named assailants. (August 3, 2020).

*Gabriel Perez Cruz v. Barr* (2020) U.S. Court of Appeals 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. NIWAP assisted the Family Violence Appellate Project in California in developing, securing social science support for and national sign ons from 16 organizations nationally for this 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Amicus Brief in which we were represented by Haney and Boone LLP. The brief discussed the mental health impact of domestic violence and coercive control in abusive relationships and perpetrators who coerce their victims into committing crimes, and the need for courts to consider these factors when adjudicating a domestic violence victim’s withholding of removal claims and particularly whether they crime they committed was a “particularly serious crime.” (July 9, 2020).

*O.M.G. v. Wolf* (2020) U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. David Thronson, “Declaration filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in O.M.G. vs Wolf.” NIWAP coordinated a national team of law professors and recruited the law firm of Winston Strum to help draft and develop this declaration that discusses the dangers for children in DHS family detention centers, the risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and provides an excellent overview with social science research data support of the impact of trauma for immigrant children in their neurobiological, cognitive, and psychological development and children's health and well-being. Leslye E. Orloff assisted in drafting and editing the brief. (March 30, 2020)

### **GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS**

*Nguyen v. INS*, 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 6860 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. April 17, 2000) Filed an brief in support of a Petition of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court (2000) in an equal protection clause challenge to a federal immigration law that treats foreign born out-of-wedlock children of citizen mothers differently from similarly situated children of citizen fathers for purposes of obtaining citizenship. (Legal Momentum)

*Lake v. Reno*, No. 99-4125 (2d Cir.)(1999) Amicus brief supported an equal protection clause challenge to a federal immigration statute. The statute treats foreign born out-of-wedlock children of citizen mothers differently from similarly situated children of citizen fathers for purposes of obtaining citizenship (Legal Momentum).

### **FAMILY LAW**

“In Re D.T. –O” (Maryland Court of Special Appeals) NIWAP filed an amicus brief in a case before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals represented by K & L Gates LLP in a case in which Maryland State Child Protective Services used a parent’s immigration status and issues related to immigration status to terminate a parent’s parental rights. This amicus brief argues that federal preemption precludes Maryland from imposing penalties against undocumented immigrant parents fin custody and termination of parental rights cases. This together with failures to provide language access in this case violated the immigrant mother’s due process rights (May 20, 2021).

“Amicus Curiae Brief in Maria Luisa Rodriguez Tornes vs. William P. Barr” (9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP led an amicus brief with DLA Piper for a case filed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit discussing how domestic violence victims are able to receive gender-based asylum because they domestic violence they experience is based on their social group membership. NIWAP’s brief documented the cultural, religious and social conditions that domestic violence victims suffer that serves as a valid basis for domestic violence related gender based asylum. This brief provided

the social science support for a Tahirih Justice Center case challenging the Attorney General Sessions Justice Department position on domestic violence related gender based asylum cases. This amicus brief contributed to a favorable decision from the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. (October 19, 2019- February 2, 2021)

*Ahed Said Senjab v. Mohamad Abulhakim Alhulaibi* (2020) Amicus Brief Filed in the Supreme Court of Nevada. NIWAP, represented by K&L Gates LLP, filed an amicus brief on behalf of a domestic violence victim who was an F-2 visa holder spouse. After receiving a protection order protecting the victim and her son from ongoing abuse from her F1-visa holder spouse, the victim filed for divorce. The divorce court dismissed the victim's divorce case after finding that the state divorce court had no jurisdiction to adjudicate divorce for visa holder spouses based on an erroneous reading of a 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit immigration case. This amicus brief describes how U.S. immigration laws do not preempt state family laws and state law controls how an immigrant can establish residency for purpose of divorce and family law adjudications. (September 24, 2020)

Amicus Brief in S.K.E.R. v. William P. Barr. NWAIP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of a Honduran woman who was a victim of domestic violence. The brief discusses the complexity of domestic violence and how the victim was unable to physically remove herself from her abuser due to fear of his retaliation. This amicus was filed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. Winston and Strawn LLP (April 8, 2019).

Amicus Brief in Nelsa Rosa Hernandez Cabrera; A.J.E.H. v. U.S., NIWAP is currently working on file an amicus curiae on behalf of Nelsa Rosa Hernandez Cabrera; A.J.E.H., the petitioner is a domestic violence victim, from Honduras, who suffered physical abuse and enormous amount of control from her husband. The amicus will be file in the Fourth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case that Hernandez Cabrera is seeking to overturn a decision by the Board of Immigration Appeals that denied her request seeking asylum. Winston & Strawn LLP. (February 22, 2019)

Amicus Brief in N.Y.C.C. v. Whitaker, NIWAP filed an Amicus Brief in N.Y.C.C. v. Whitaker in the Seventh Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. This brief explained that coercive control is one of the defining characteristics of domestic violence relationship as a result leaving a shared residence with an abuser does not bring an end to the abuse. Additionally, the brief discusses the particular dangers when the perpetrator engages in stalking his victim. Winston & Strawn LLP (November 26, 2018)

Amicus Brief in W.M.V.C.; A.P.V. v. U.S. NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of W.M.V.C. and her son A.P.V DV who suffered domestic violence and life-threats in a non-consensual relationship. The amicus brief discussed that the same power dynamics that precipitate domestic violence in heterosexual marital relationships apply and are present in same-sex and non-extramarital relationships. It also discussed the that the same factors that make a woman unable to leave an abusive opposite-sex relationship also make a woman unable to leave an abusive same-sex relationship, especially when the abuser is connected with law enforcement. This amicus was filed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case in which W.M.V.C. and A.P.V are seeking to overturn BIA's decision that denied Petitioners' applications for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture. Baker & McKenzie LLP (February 28, 2018)

Amicus Brief in Matter of Rosa Marisol Avelar Oliva, NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of an El Salvadorian woman who suffered child abuse and was held in isolation for years. The Immigration Judge found that she was not credible. The brief discussed the psychological and developmental effects of trauma and how childhood rape and sexual abuse can significantly impact witness's demeanor and ability to testify and report the abuse. The brief addressed how childhood trauma impairs brain development in key regions responsible for memory, reasoning, and planning. The amicus was filed in the Board of Immigration Appeals in a case in which Rosa Marisol is seeking gender-based asylum and withholding of removal. Crowell and Moring (February 16, 2018)

Amicus Brief in S.E.R.L v. U.S. NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of a Honduran woman who had helped her daughter escape from a domestic violence perpetrator who had trafficked the daughter to Mexico. The brief discussed the extent to which those who intervene to protect their family from perpetrators of domestic violence are at risk of violent retaliation by the perpetrator, up to and including death. She fled Honduras seeking asylum in the U.S. out of fear of more retaliation. This amicus was filed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case in which S.E.R.L is seeking gender based asylum as a Honduran woman who intervened in a



domestic violence relationship who are left completely vulnerable to violent retaliation. Crowell and Moring (September 25, 2017)

Kumar v. Kumar (California Court of Appeals) NIWAP served as sole amicus in a case in which a California state family court judge imposed the duty to mitigate that applies in contract cases and alimony cases to an immigrant spouse, in this case a battered immigrant spouse, seeking to enforce the Affidavit of Support her husband signed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security when he sponsored her to attain legal permanent residency status. The brief cited case law from other states and law review articles discussing current state family court practice allowing immigrant spouses to enforce affidavits of support in family court cases. The brief provided legislative history and social science data supporting the position imposing a duty to mitigate undermines the legislative purpose of the Affidavit of Support and in the case of battered immigrant spouses the Violence Against Women Act. (Crowell and Moring: September 26, 2016)

In Re. S.D. (D.C. Court of Appeals) NIWAP served as co-lead amicus with the National Crime Victim Law Instituted and recruited 8 organizations and domestic violence experts to join as amicus on an appeal of a criminal stalking case in which a D.C. Superior Court Judge had ordered that redacted portions of the victim's mental health treatment records be turned over to the stalking perpetrator in a criminal case restitution hearing. The perpetrator had pled guilty to criminal stalking and criminal violation of a civil protection order. The brief argued that when a victim presents clear, credible and un rebutted evidence of causation and cost it justifies restitution without discovery of mental health records and discusses the mental health impact on victims of requiring that their mental health records be turned over to their stalkers in order to be granted restitution. (Arnold and Porter: May 5, 2016)

*In Re Adoption of C.M.B.R. Minor. S.M. and M.M. Respondents vs. E.M.B.R. Appellant*, Amicus brief was filed in the Missouri Court of Appeals (2010) and a second in the Missouri Supreme Court (2010) in support of reversing a court decision to terminate the parental rights of an immigrant mother Encarnacion Bail and finalize the adoption of her children as a result of Encarnacion's immigration detention. Encarnacion Bail had been subject to an immigration raid at her workplace and was coerced into taking a plea to aggravated identity theft. While Encarnacion served her jail sentence, the State of Missouri terminated her parental rights and finalized the adoption of her children. After she finished serving her sentence the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that convictions like hers for use of false documents was unconstitutional. Won favorable decisions from in both cases confirming that limiting who may place a child for adoption and confirming that immigration status should "never" be a factor "when determining whether to terminate parental rights. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono)

*State v. Maria L.*, (2009) filed an amicus brief in a case before The Nebraska Supreme Court in a termination of parental rights case in which an undocumented immigrant mother was denied language access to child protective services, the courts and the hospital. In a unanimous decision that Nebraska Supreme Court returned two children to their Guatemalan mother who had been deported and her parental rights were terminated by the state ruling that undocumented, detained and deported immigrant parents have the constitutional right to care for, have custody of, and control over their children.

*Meredith v. Muriel*, Supreme Court of the State of Washington, (2009). Submitted two amicus briefs one on behalf of Legal Momentum and a second on behalf of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women in a case in which an abuser appealed the issuance of a protection order containing a prohibition against the abuser communicating with the Department of Homeland Security regarding his wife. One brief (K & L Gates, Pro Bono) provided social science documentation of the harm to victims and the lethality of immigration related abuse and discussed the history and purpose of VAWA confidentiality protections. The second brief (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono) argued that Abusive speech is not protected by the First Amendment because it is essentially conduct not expression and that a restriction in the protection order ordering an abuser not to contact DHS or interfere with his wife's immigration case is not overbroad when weighed against the significant State interest in protecting abuse victims and does not impermissibly infringed on the abuser's right to petition the government.

*In Re the Marriage of David M. Salcido and Irina N. Salcido*, Case No. 20023590 before the Arizona Court of Appeals. (2004) Filed an amicus brief in support of overturning a grant of annulment in favor of an abusive spouse who sought an annulment after a five year marriage in order to deny the victim-wife VAWA immigration status. (Crowell and Moring, Pro Bono).

*Harrison v. Harrison*, Kentucky, Fayette Circuit Court 3<sup>rd</sup> Division (2002) Amicus Brief explaining misuse of protection orders to penalize victims and discourage them from seeking legal relief, “mutual” protection orders as contrary to public policy, and the safety of DV victims as directly related to batterer responsibility enforced in the legal system. (Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Pro Bono)

*Blondin v. Dubois*, U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit (2000) Filed an amicus brief in support of a mother’s child custody against a challenge under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction U.S.C. section 11601 by the father, a resident of France (Crowell & Moring, Pro Bono).

*Ruiz v. Carrasco*, DC Court of Appeals (1997) Filed an Amicus Brief was in support of a court issuing a protection order prohibiting an abusive husband from reporting his wife to government officials including (INS). (Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe, Pro Bono)

*Maldonado v. Maldonado*, 631 A.2d 40 (D.C. 1993), Submitted an amicus brief arguing that a court could not deny domestic violence victim a protection order because the abuser was incarcerated for his domestic violence crimes. The D.C. Court of Appeals ruled that Courts should issue and extend civil protection orders even where the defendant will be incarcerated for the duration of the protection order. The appellate court noted that the defendant could escape or be released prior to the expiration of the extended civil protection order and that he had the potential to continue, from jail, to threaten and harass the petitioner via the mail, telephone, or a third party.

*United States V. Michael Foster (United States v. Dixon*, 598 A.2d 724, 725 (D.C. 1991), cert. denied, 112 S. Ct. 1759 (1992), aff’d in part and rev’d in part, 113 S. Ct. 2849 (1993) Filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of the United States as the organization that serves as counsel for the domestic violence victim in the underlying protection order contempt proceeding that resulted in an over 600 day sentence for multiple counts of contempt of a civil protection order. The Brief argued that victims could constitutionally enforce their protection orders without undermining the ability of the state (in this case the United States) to bring criminal charges against the domestic violence perpetrator that included numerous assaults and assault with a deadly weapon. The Supreme Court upheld the right of a victim to enforce her protection order without barring criminal prosecution by double jeopardy as long as the contempt proceeding and the criminal prosecution each require proof of additional elements under the Blockburger "same elements" test.

*Cruz-Foster v Foster*, The District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1991) Filed an amicus brief arguing that courts in protection order cases are required to consider the full history of domestic violence in the relationship when considering whether to issue or extend a protection order. The D.C. Court of Appeals ruled that courts are required to, consider of the "entire mosaic" of past abuse to adequately determine the need for protection even where no recent physical or sexual abuse exists. The Court held that the court should consider all episodes of violence during parties' marriage to determine appropriateness of extension of civil protection order beyond one year.

*Sandoval v. Mendez*, District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1987) Filed an amicus brief arguing that a victim of abuser perpetrated by household member who was not her intimate partner or family member (he was her boyfriend’s female cousin’s boyfriend living in the household). The purpose of the protection order statute was not only to cover sexual relationships and extended to cover other household relationships that could pose a danger to others in the household. Extended family members living under the same roof should be able to obtain protection orders if they are abused.

## **EMPLOYMENT LAW**

*Hoffman Plastic Compounds, Inc. v. National Labor Relations Board*, Supreme Court Of The United States (2001) filed an amicus brief supporting the importance of back pay remedies when labor laws are violated including relief for undocumented workers. Filed a second amicus brief regarding a Government of Mexico requested advisory opinion from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (2002) concerning when a member nation of the Organization of American States (USA) limits labor law remedies available to migrants who have "irregular" immigration status.

## **PUBLIC BENEFITS ACCESS FOR IMMIGRANTS**

“Access to Safety Net Assistance and Medicaid for U Visa Applicants Under New York’s Statutory Definition of PRUCOL” Assisted the Sanctuary for Families on a brief submitted to an administrative law judge hearing an appeal of a denial of Safety Net Services and Medicaid to a U visa applicant in New York. (February 16, 2023)

Amicus Brief in *Federal District Court Case Challenging the Public Charge Rule*. NIWAP assisted in provide substantive information on immigrant victims and signed on to an amicus brief drafted by Crowell and Moring on behalf of Advancing Immigrant Justice and a national group of amici. (January, 2020).

*La Clinica de la Raza et al. Trump, et al. (N.D. Cal)*. This amicus curiae brief was written with the National Women’s Law Center, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund to oppose the new “public charge” rule. NIWAP provided editorial assistance on immigrant domestic and sexual violence victims (September 9, 2019)

*Jane Doe v. Claire McIntire*, App. No. 01-P-1013 (Mass.) (August 10, 2001) Amicus brief appealing a denial of TANF benefits to two immigrant women lawfully residing in Massachusetts, the denial was based on six month residence requirement before receiving benefits. One woman was fleeing domestic violence and the other residing with family during pregnancy. (Foley, Hoag & Eliot, Pro Bono)

## **CONVENING CONFERENCES**

### **OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTEE CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS – CONFERENCE PLANNING**

“Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations” Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12-13 and 15-16, 2016)

“Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse” Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana (July 29-30, 2015)

“Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors” Training conference sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women for 120 advocates, attorneys and social workers from organizations from across the country on best practices for assisting immigrant victims of crime. Training topics included: federal and state benefits, victim-based remedies, custody and family courts, safety planning and U Visa certification. New Orleans, Louisiana. August 6-7, 2014.

“Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices” Convened a nationwide training for Office on Violence Against Women, DOJ grantees on the legal rights and culturally and linguistically competent representation of immigrant survivors of sexual assault. This training was attended by 91 attorneys, advocate, law enforcement, DOJ and state government officials from across the country. Providence, Rhode Island. June 25-27, 2013.

“Improving Outcomes for Immigrant Survivors in Custody Cases” This OVW sponsored conference was attended by states teams from all over the nation. The conference lasted two days and provided several tracks of training for those in attendance, Atlanta, Georgia, November 14-15, 2012.

“Multi-State Summit: Building State Capacity To Better Serve Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Trafficking, and Enhancing Skills in working with immigrant victims of Domestic and sexual Violence” This OVW sponsored summit was attended by state teams from Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire and Oklahoma, Savannah, Georgia, January 20-22, 2010.

“Emerging Issues: New Tools to Help Immigrant Victims” Conference for 110 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Half Day Training on Public Benefits and VAWA Confidentiality, Family Law Track and Human Trafficking Track. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 8-9 2009.

“Best Practices For Serving Immigrant Survivors” Conference for 60 grantees of the Office of Violence Against Women. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 6-7 2009.

“Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Training Workshops: Working With Immigrant Victims.” Daylong workshops were offered including the first nation-wide training on U-Visas following the issuance of the U-Visa protection for crime victims by DHS, Advanced Family Law, BIA Accreditation and Improving Language Access to Services For Immigrant Survivors. Lexington, Kentucky, November 12-13, 2007.

“BIA Accreditation” offered training for domestic violence and sexual assault victim advocates in collaboration with Catholic Legal Immigration Network and the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, San Antonio, Texas, November 12, 2007.

“Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees on Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking.” Approximately 150 grantees from across the country will attend. San Antonio, TX. February 5-9, 2007.

“BIA Accreditation” offered training for domestic violence and sexual assault victim advocates in collaboration with Catholic Legal Immigration Network and the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, San Antonio, Texas. February 7-8, 2007.

“Midwest Regional Five-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking,” attended by state teams from Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Tennessee. St. Louis, MO. November 8-10, 2006.

“BIA Accreditation” Planned two national trainings for non-lawyer victim advocates and paralegals in collaboration with Catholic Legal Immigration Network and Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center. St. Louis, MO. November 7-9, 2006.

“Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees.” Collaborated with National Network partners to plan conference attended by approximately 120 OVW grantees from across the country. Miami, FL. June 5-9, 2006.

“Curriculum Committee Meeting and Training,” of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women to design and update a new adult learning curriculum for training advocates, attorney and justice system personnel on immigrant victims legal rights. Trained National Network Advisory Committee members to facilitate the new adult learning curriculum. Washington, D.C. March 30 & 31, 2006.

“Family Law Roundtable.” Organized roundtable discussion on intersecting issues of family and immigration law with family law experts throughout the nation. Washington, D.C., March 28 & 29, 2006.

“Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees.” Collaborated with National Network partners to lead planning effort for this training attended by over 100 OVW grantees from across the country. Irvine, California, November 7 & 8, 2005.

“Funding Programs That Effectively Serve Immigrant Victims.” Planned and presented workshop along with Donna Irwin, former STOP administrator for the state of Arizona at the biannual national conference for STOP grant administrators from all U.S. jurisdictions. Chicago, IL. September 12, 2005.

“First STOP Grant and Rural Grant Administrators Training on Funding Programs that Effectively Serve Immigrant Victims.” Planned and served as faculty for STOP grant administrators training held in conjunction with the Northwest Regional Summit. Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 11-12, 2005.

“Northwest Regional Six-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Trafficking,” attended by state teams from Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 11-13, 2005

“Building Communities To Improve Services To Immigrant Victims Of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, And Trafficking: OVW Grantee Conference planned by IWP and a faculty of National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Advisory committee members, Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 2-3, 2004.

“Family Law Focus Group and Training,” planned and carried out the first national training for advanced family lawyers on issues that arise for immigrant victims in family law cases. This conference also included a focus group with advanced family lawyers at which we learned about what types of difficult issues family lawyers are encountering in cases of immigrant victims and how IWP can better assist in these cases. Austin, Texas, June 8-9, 2004.

“Southern Regional 7-State Summit: Building Capacity to Better Serve Immigrant Victims” Planned, served as faculty for and led this summit for 7 state teams from Southern states. Miami, Florida, May 17-20, 2004.

“Third Annual Training for Office on Violence Against Women Grantees.” Collaborated with National Network partners to lead planning effort for this training attended by 250 OVW grantees from across the country. Tucson, Arizona, November 4-5, 2003.

“Five-State Regional Summit: Building State Capacity to Better Service Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Under a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women of the U.S. Department Of Justice, the Immigrant Women Program planned this regional summit which brought together state teams from Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota and led them through a process of planning how each state could work together and involve others in improving services to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in their states. St. Paul, Minnesota. July 29-31, 2003

“Second Annual National Training for VAWO Grantees on Battered Immigrant’s Legal Rights.” Led planning, workshop development and served as faculty for this national training attended by over 270 VAWO grantees that was presented in collaboration with the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women. Miami, Florida. August 20-21, 2002

“Two Opening Plenary Panels on Cultural Competence,” Presented at the 2nd Annual National Training for VAWO grantees on immigrant victims’ legal rights. Miami, Florida. August 20, 2002.

“Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.” Violence Against Women Office Grantee Training. Planned, facilitated, coordinated and served as faculty for this first national training of VAWO grantees on battered immigrant women’s legal rights and provisions of culturally competent assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Atlanta, Georgia. October 23-24, 2001.

“Five State Summit on Improving Access to Legal and Social Services for Battered Immigrant Women and Their Children.” Planned and co-facilitated a conference that brought together diverse professional teams and immigrant survivors from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada to learn about battered immigrant women’s legal rights and to begin work on developing projects that participants could jointly work on to improve services to battered immigrant women from diverse countries of immigration in each state. This conference was planned jointly by the Immigrant Women Program of NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence. Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 30 through August 3, 2000.

### **NATIONAL NETWORK TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST IMMIGRANT WOMEN LEADERSHIP AND CONFERENCE PLANNING**

“Sexual Assault of Immigrant Women in the Workplace” Roundtable held by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women, Washington, D.C. June 28-30, 2010.

“National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women – Steering Committee Meeting.” Planned and participated in a steering committee meeting devoted to developing and coordinating the work of the National Network during 2008 and 2009. Napa Valley, California, June 3-4, 2008

“Let's Get Real: Creating and Implementing Models that Work for Immigrant Women and Communities”  
Biannual Conference of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women in Lexington,  
Kentucky November 14-16, 2007.

“National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women – Sheila Wellstone Foundation Award.”  
Acceptance speech at Capitol Hill ceremony presenting the second annual Sheila Wellstone award for advocacy to  
Legal Momentum’s Immigrant Women Program for its work co-chairing the National Network to End Violence  
Against Immigrant Women and the national advocacy campaign that led to the passage of federal legislation that  
benefits immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking protections in 1994, 1997, 1997,  
2000 and 2005 including the Violence Against Women Act and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.  
Washington, D.C. October 1, 2007.

“Planning Meeting for the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women 2008 Conference”,  
Austin Texas, April 12-13, 2007

“Advisory Committee Meeting of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” At this  
meeting the Network decided to disband the advisory committee structure and replace it with a larger much more  
diverse National Network Steering Committee. San Antonio, TX. February 10, 2007.

“Advisory Committee Meeting for the National Network To End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Topics  
discussed included negotiations on VAWA 2005. Irvine, California November 10, 2005.

“10th National Conference of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Responsible for  
leading planning effort and conference coordination with National Network partners for this national conference on  
immigrant victims legal rights and services to immigrant victims attended by over 400 participants. Irvine, California,  
November 9, 10, and 11, 2005.

“Advisory Committee Meeting for the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Coordinated  
with the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, ASSISTA and the Family Violence Prevention  
Fund in planning and running a three-day Advisory committee meeting and faculty training on the new curriculum.  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 8-10, 2005

“Curriculum Committee Meeting,” of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women to design a  
new adult learning curriculum for training advocates, attorney and justice system personnel on immigrant victims  
legal rights, Washington, D.C. March 3-4, 2005.

“Advisory Committee Meeting for the National Network To End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Coordinated  
with the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild and the Family Violence Prevention Fund the  
planning and running of the annual meeting of the Network advisory committee. Albuquerque, New Mexico,  
November 30- December 1, 2004.

“Advisory Committee Meeting for the National Network To End Violence Against Immigrant Women.”  
Coordinated with the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild and the Family Violence  
Prevention Fund. The planning and running of the annual meeting of the Network advisory committee. Miami,  
Florida, May 20, 2004.

“Southern HHS Funded Regional Training for the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant  
Women,” Planned, coordinated and served as faculty for this National Network sponsored regional training.  
Miami, Florida, May 16, 2004. (60 attendees)

“Advisory Committee Meeting for the National Network To End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Coordinated  
with the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild and the Family Violence Prevention Fund the  
planning and running of the annual meeting of the Network advisory committee. Tucson, Arizona, November 6,  
2003.

“9<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Responsible for leading planning effort and conference coordination with National Network partners for this national conference on immigrant victims legal rights and services to immigrant victims attended by over 500 participants. Tucson, Arizona, November 5-7, 2003. (522 Attendees)

“Mid-Year Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Planned and led this three day meeting. During this meeting the Network Advisory Committee developed a plan for expanding the work of the Network, involving more people from across the country in the leadership of the Network, undertook planning of the next National Network Conference and OVW Grantee training to be held in Tucson Arizona in November of 2003, and held a faculty meeting for the 5 State Capacity Building Summit that IWP is planning that will be held in St. Paul Minnesota in July of 2003. Chicago, Illinois, May 7-9, 2003.

“Midwest Regional Training: New Options for Immigrant Crime Survivors: An Interdisciplinary Training” planned by the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women that the Immigrant Women Program co-directs. IWP took lead in the planning of the two day training attended by 125 participants from Midwestern states and across the country on the legal rights and provision of culturally competent services to immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. Opening by Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Chicago, Illinois. May 5-6, 2003. (125 attendees)

“Advisory Board Meeting for the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women,” Planned and co-chaired a one day advisory board meeting for the Network. Miami, Florida August 24, 2002.

“8<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women.” Served as lead agency collaborating with the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild to plan, and serve as faculty for this national Network Conference. The conference offered over 80 sessions and workshops. Miami, Florida. August 21-23, 2002. (533 attendees)

“Overview of the Work of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Presentation at the Special Outreach Grantee Conference convened by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program of the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. department of Health and Human Services. Also participated in this three-day conference. Arlington, Virginia, June 19-21, 2002.

“First HHS Funded Regional Training On Immigrant Victims Legal Rights” Co-planned with Nevada legal services organization and prosecutors officer a regional multi-issue training designed to meet the regional needs of programs serving immigrant victims. Las Vegas, Nevada, May 1-2, 2002. (150 attendees)

“Advisory Board Meeting for the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women,” Planned and ran three day advisory board meeting for the Network to plan the Summit, the VAWO grantee training and the next National Network Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada. April 28-30, 2002.

“7<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Planned and helped facilitate this over 300 person conference, ran working sessions on family law, public benefits, immigration issues and policy issues. Atlanta, Georgia. October 25-27, 2001. (300 attendees)

“Third Meeting of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrants Advisory Committee.” Co-planned and co-chaired this meeting at which we planned the National Network Conference and the First National Training for VAWO Grantees to be held in Atlanta Georgia in October of 2001. San Francisco, California, May 20-21, 2001

“6<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Planned and helped facilitate this conference, ran working sessions on family law, public benefits and policy issues. Seattle, Washington. August 10-12, 2000. (217 attendees.)

“Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Planned and carried out the first meeting of this advisory committee which discussed the Network’s mission, how

we might improve collaboration on issues, expand membership and new issue areas and began work planning our national conference to be held in Seattle, WA in August 2000

“First Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Planned and carried out the first meeting of this advisory committee which discussed the Network’s mission, how we might improve collaboration on issues, expand membership and new issue areas and began work planning our national conference to be held in. San Francisco, California. April 1-3, 2000.

“Fifth National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Co-planned and co-led this national conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 3-5, 1999. 181 attendees.

“Fourth National Conference of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” Co-coordinated this conference, ran the family law and public benefits track and co-facilitated the plenary sessions. San Diego, California. April 16-18, 1998. (125 attendees.)

“Third National Meeting of the National Network on Behalf Battered Immigrant Women,” coordinated planned and ran this two day strategy meeting attended by 40 representatives from organizations working with battered immigrant women from 11 states and representatives from the Justice Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of Health and Human Services. Austin, Texas. April 11-12, 1997. (51 attendees)

“Second National Meeting off the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.” San Francisco, California, March 18-19, 1996. Co-planned and led this meeting. (44 attendees.)

"First Annual Meeting of the National Network On Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women." Ayuda staff planned and participated in this strategy meeting which brought together domestic violence advocates and immigrant's rights advocates who specialize in working with battered immigrant women. The meeting was attended by representatives from several regions of the United States. San Francisco, California December 1-2, 1994. (33 attendees)

## **OTHER CONFERENCE PLANNING**

Second Annual Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training for state teams of judges from Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi and New Mexico. New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

First Annual Multi-State Training First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 21, 2018)

Planning Team for a co-convening of Kellogg Foundation Leadership Alliance and the Annie E. Casey Foundation Fellowship Program on Immigration, Migration, "Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry, Migration, Mobility and Human Rights" Presented workshop on the need for comprehensive immigration reform and engaging fellows and fellow's networks from the two foundations in joining action for passage of Dream and CIR. Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico November 10-13, 2010.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS (Partial list)**

### **VICTIM ADVOCACY**

“Training on Immigrant Crime Victims’ Legal Options Under U.S. Immigration and Family Laws for the Consulate General of Mexico” Presented a webinar for representatives from all Mexican consular offices across the United States as well as an audience of Mexican consular officials and other Country’s Consulates (Japan, France, Germany, Ireland, Guatemala, Peru, Argentina, and Haiti). Hosted by the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta, Georgia. April 4, 2014.

“Role of Advocates Community in Securing Legal Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.” Met with representatives from women’s rights and human rights groups working with Jews, Arabs and Immigrants in



Israel to discuss social and legal service delivery to immigrant victims of domestic violence in the U.S., policy initiatives on women's economic empowerment, the passage of the Violence Against Women Act and NOW Legal Defense Fund efforts to improve images of women's issues in the media. Washington, D.C. October 3, 2001.

"Creating Options for Battered Women When Government Resources Are Limited." Meetings with delegation of Russian and Ukrainian Jewish women working on domestic violence issues sponsored by Jewish Women International, Washington, D.C. January 23 and 25, 2001.

"Advocacy on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women Local and National and the International Implications of This Experience." Presentation and question and answer session with the Advocacy Institute's 1997 India Advocacy Fellows Program. Washington, D.C. July 30, 1997.

"Women's Rights: Developing Coalitions, Organizing and Legislative Advocacy for Change." Presentation and round table discussion with representatives of non-governmental agencies from South Asia planned by the Asia Society. Washington, D.C. October 7, 1998

"Role of Women's Organizations in National Advocacy Efforts to Stop Domestic Violence." Interview with Silvia Bashevkin, Political Science Professor at University of Toronto, Canada. Washington, DC. March 15, 1995.

"Offering Legal and Social Services and Mental Health Services to Battered Women." Meeting with staff from Mujeres Por La Dignidad y La Vida. San Salvador, El Salvador. February 22, 1995.

"Developing a Program to Serve Battered Immigrant Women and Legislative Advocacy for Battered Women." Half-day discussion with seventeen women from the Former Soviet Republics. Visit coordinated by the Women's Research and Education Institute and the Academy for Educational Development. Washington, D.C. August 23, 1994.

"Ayuda's Work with Immigrants and Minorities." Discussion with Antonieta Onofre from Universidad Lacia Nincente Rocafuerte de Guayaquil, Ecuador. Washington, D.C. March 28, 1994.

"Representing Battered Women in U.S. and Brazil." Meeting Brazilian psychiatrist who works with battered women and children and with a Brazilian attorney who heads an organization of women attorneys in Rio de Janeiro. Washington, D.C. August 20, 1993.

"Hosted Battered Women's Advocate and Attorney from Chile." Spent two weeks with Nelly González Tapia on her visit investigating domestic violence programs in the United States. Washington, D.C. June, 1990.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTORS**

"Barriers for Immigrant Latinas To Seeking Help From Police in Domestic Violence Cases and Police Handling of Domestic Violence Calls From Battered Immigrants." Presentation at "Policing a Multicultural Society Conference co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Justice and the Israel National Police. Jerusalem, Israel, March 21, 2001.

"Consultation on Police Training on Domestic Violence." Met and provided materials to Sandie Colover of Article 19 who was going to Bosnia and Herzegovina to help train the new civilian police force. Washington, D.C. April, 1996.

## **CULTURE**

"Conjugal Violence and Ethno-Racial Minorities: Enhancing Policy and Practice Initiatives--The Non-Governmental Organization's Perspective." Presentation to international audience at the Fourth International Metropolis Conference emphasizing the legal and social service needs of diverse immigrant populations in the United States and discussing the evolution of the Violence Against Women Act's Immigration Provisions and the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. December 9, 1999.

"Using Video to Sensitize the Public About Domestic Violence." Participated as the U.S. representative in a two-day consultation with the Women, Health and Development Program of the Pan American Health Organization and the Women in Development Unit of the Interamerican Development Bank. Washington, D.C. December 14-15, 1995.

"Community Outreach on Domestic Violence." Meeting with staff at Grupo De Mujeres De San Cristóbal, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Mexico. February 14, 1995.

### **VAWA**

"Seeking Justice for Women: Legislative Initiatives to Protect Women From Violence in Asia and the United States." Participated in roundtable discussion with representatives from women's organizations working in Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines and South Korea on the Violence Against Act's Immigration Provisions and the work of the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women. Washington, D.C. October 13, 1998.

"The Violence Against Women Act and State and Federal Laws In the United States Protecting Battered Women." Meeting with Marilyn Hoey Department for Women the Government of New South Wales, Australia. Also exchanged information and strategies for working with battered immigrants. Sydney, Australia. June 18, 1997.

"Developing Laws that Help Battered Immigrants." Discussion with Ellen't Hoen of the Netherlands who was working on improving laws of the Netherlands to offer more protection to battered immigrant women. Washington, D.C. April, 1996.

### **JUDICIAL TRAINING MANUALS**

"Judicial Training and Domestic Violence." Consulted with Nancy Rubin, U.N. Representative on Human Rights for the United States in preparation for Vital Voices: Women in Democracy Conference in Belfast Ireland. August 31, 1998.

"Towards a Jurisprudence of Equity Seminar: Women, Judges, and Transitional Human Rights Law", Sponsored by International Women Judges Foundation Romanian Magistrates Association. Presented "International Law and Domestic Violence", "Comparing How a Case is Treated Under International and Romanian Law", "Meeting International Human Rights Obligations to Offer Effective Remedies to Domestic Violence Victims", "What Can Judges Contribute in The Area of Domestic Violence". Bistrita, Romania. October 1-4, 1996.

"Meeting with Attorneys and Judges from Mali." Ayuda staff met with Mali attorneys and judges for a cultural exchange regarding the judicial systems and domestic violence. Washington, D.C. April, 1995.

"Training Judges on Domestic Violence." Consultation with attorneys from Centro Ecuatoriano para la Promoción y Accuín de la Mujer on domestic violence and the use of the legal system. Quito, Ecuador. June, 1992.

"Judges Training Manual on Domestic Violence." Provided copy to women's organization in Chile to assist them in rewriting law affecting battered women in that country. April 9, 1992.

### **IMMIGRATION**

"Improving the Treatment of G-5 Residential Workers by Employees of International Organizations." Attended and assisted in planning a meeting with World Bank executives to discuss and propose solutions to the problems encountered by domestic workers employed by World Bank employees. Washington D.C. May 28, 1998.

"Study of Human Rights Violations of Mexican Women Who Emigrate." Assisted the Mexican National Commission on Human Rights with a survey they were conducting about the experience of battered Mexican women living in the United States. Mexico City, Mexico. December, 1995.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW**

Amicus Brief in Marcelle Guimaraes v. Christopher Scott Brann. NIWAP assisted in writing an amicus curiae brief on behalf of a women who is fighting for complete custody and the ability to keep her child in Brazil away from the father, who had previously abused the mother. (Ongoing).

“Eurasia Foundation Russia Fellowship” –The Eurasia Foundation awarded Leslye Orloff a 2015 Social Educational Exchange Fellowship as an Advanced Gender Equity Fellow that sent her to Russia for three weeks, from May 5-25, 2015, to meet with advocates and attorneys involved in drafting Russia’s first domestic violence law, providing services to victims of domestic violence in Russia, and providing outreach, services and training to professionals across Russia working on issues of domestic violence and child abuse. This Fellowship involved meetings in February and May 2015, hosting a Russian Fellow at NIWAP, and participating in and presenting trainings in the U.S. (February 20, 2015 and May 29, 2015) and in Russia (May 6, 2015). Additionally, NIWAP sponsored a new fellow from Russia for one month. During this time, Leslye Orloff & Benish Anver assisted this fellow in researching gender and immigration remedies in the U.S. and nonprofits that work on these issues. (March 2015)

“Overview of Domestic Violence Laws in the United States and the Advocacy Efforts that Helped Secure Federal Legislation”. Facilitated discussion among Brazilian visitors in the USIA-sponsored International Visitor Project for Brazil entitled “Gender and Women’s Issues”, administered by the Academy for Educational Development. Washington D.C. May 19, 1998.

“Administration of Justice from a Gender Perspective.” Participated in a roundtable discussion coordinated by The African-American Institute with the Women in the Law in Southern Africa delegation on American women’s access to the legal and judicial systems. Washington, D.C. March 10, 1998.

“Developing and Implementing Effective Legislation to Assist Battered Women.” Served as U.S. expert in Telepress Conference with 35 women’s group representatives, government officials, prosecutors, legislators and attorneys in Honduras. The conference was organized by the United States Information Agency, Democracy and Human Rights Bureau of Information. Tegucigalpa, Honduras. March 7, 1997.

“Domestic Violence Laws in The United States.” Presentation to Criminology Prevention Programs Federal District Attorney’s Office - Mexico City, Mexico. Washington, D.C. December 8, 1996.

“Domestic Violence Laws in the United States.” Presentation to a group of women judges from Ecuador sponsored by the Delphi International and the U.S. Information Agency. Washington, D.C. June 11, 1996.

“Interamerican Convention to Prevent, Eradicate and Combat Violence Against Women.” Conference of the Interamerican Commission for Women in Honduras presenting the paper, “Effective Advocacy on Behalf of Battered Women: Shaping Public Policy and Training Professionals That Are in a Position to Help Stop Violence Against Women.” Tegucigalpa, Honduras. April 24-26, 1995.

“Adapting Civil Protection Order Statutes for Use in El Salvador.” Consultation with the Lead Attorney for Women’s Human Rights. San Salvador, El Salvador. February 20, 1995.

“Domestic Violence and Women’s Rights.” Presentation to South Asia Human Rights Visitor’s Program. Coordinated by the Freedom House. Washington, D.C. July 14, 1994.

“Consultation with the Italian Embassy on Domestic Violence.” Assisted the Embassy in evaluating and referring an Italian citizen who was married to an abusive partner. Washington, D.C. February 1, 1994.

“Domestic Violence Law in the United States -- What Protection is Really Offered.” Consultation with the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada researching political asylum claims of battered women fleeing to Canada from the United States.” Montreal, Canada. December 22, 1993.

“Domestic Violence and Family Law Legislation and Advocacy.” Discussion with Kim Sean of the Human Rights Task Force in Cambodia about the evolution of legal protections for abused women in Cambodia in light of Cambodia’s political and legal history. Explanation of approach to providing protection to abused women in the U.S. and legal rights in family law cases. Exploration of what might be creative means of forging reforms that will assist abused women in Cambodia. Washington, D.C. December 12, 1995.

"Protecting Battered Women." Discussion with representatives of the International Women Judges Association about approaches different civil, family and criminal courts across the country use in domestic violence cases. Discussed difficult issues and solutions and the intersection between domestic violence and culture. Session was related to the development of an international training program for judges on domestic violence. Met with Judges from Romania, Costa Rica and the Philippines. Washington, D.C. July 19, 1995.

"Offering Assistance to Immigrant Battered Women." Meeting with representatives of the judicial system, legislators and press persons from Costa Rica and Peru. Washington, D.C. June, 1992.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

"AYUDA's Holistic Legal Assistance and General Immigrant Services." Training for the Chinese Women Judges' Association Delegation at AYUDA planned by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Washington, D.C. December 10, 1997.

"Ayuda: Offering Community Based Legal Services Substance and Administration." Meeting with the Cameroonian Association of Female Jurists. An organization that provides information and advice to Cameroonians in a variety of legal matters including public education. Washington, D.C. August 13, 1993.

"Working Cooperatively Across Racial Line to Create a Program to Provide Legal Representation to Battered Women." Consultation with Jo-Anne Fedler Legal Advisor People Opposing Woman Abuse and Mmatshiko Motsei Agisanang Domestic Abuse Prevention and Training visiting the U.S. on a Ford Foundation program to discuss approaches to developing a cooperative program between lawyers and health care workers to provide legal representation to battered women in Alexandria Township near Johannesburg, South Africa. Washington, D.C. September 20, 1994.

### **INTERNATIONAL LAW**

"International Law and Domestic Violence," "Women's International Human Rights Law: The Right to an Effective Remedy for Domestic Violence," and "Identifying and Removing Barriers to an Effective Remedy." Served as faculty for a training sponsored by the International Women Judges Foundation and the Interamerican Development Bank to train judges from 5 Latin American countries — Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Ecuador. Washington, D.C. July 14-16, 1997.

"Meeting International Human Rights Law Obligations to Offer Domestic Violence Victims an Effective Remedy." Participated as faculty in a 5-day training of women judges in the Philippines sponsored by the International Women Judges Association and the Philippine Women Judges Association. Tagaytay City, Philippines. February 23-27, 1996.

### **ACCESS TO SERVICES**

"Founding a Non-Governmental Organization to Serve Battered Immigrant Women and Provision of Domestic Violence Services to Immigrants." Presentation at "Cultural Exchange on issues of Family Law with Professionals from the New Lander and Eastern Berlin." Sponsored by the Institute of International Education and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Washington, D.C. June 23, 1995.

"Starting a Non-Governmental Organization to Serve Battered Women and Reforming Local and National Laws on Behalf of Battered Women." Presentation to a group of women Croatian Legislators, Judges, Journalists, Politicians and Activists sponsored by the Croatian Democracy Project. Washington, D.C. July 11, 1995.

"Domestic Violence in Cambodia, Implications for the Cambodian Legal System and Women's Human Rights." Provided expert assistance to the International Human Rights Law Group in planning program to assist Cambodia in strengthening its legal system's approach to domestic violence. Washington, D.C. July 11, 1995.

"Interamerican Convention to Prevent, Eradicate and Combat Violence Against Women." Conference of the Interamerican Commission for Women in Honduras presenting the paper, "Effective Advocacy on Behalf of

Battered Women: Shaping Public Policy and Training Professionals That Are in a Position to Help Stop Violence Against Women." Tegucigalpa, Honduras. April 24-26, 1995.

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